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# Senate likely to pass budget on Tinian

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The Senate is likely to pass the $132 million budget bill with amendments, and may also take up the Saipan casino bill, when it holds a session on Tinian on Friday afternoon, senators said yesterday.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) cited three reasons for holding the session originally scheduled for Saipan yesterday, to be held on Tinian on Friday.

"One, holding the session on Tinian is due. Second, we could hold it on Saipan on Tuesday but because of the urgency of passing a budget bill, we would hold it on Friday. Third, to accommodate the Senate vice president, who needs to be on Tinian for his brother's funeral. We're not trying to run away from anybody," Manglona told

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**EXPANDED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES** HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

A Misamis Construction worker digs up a lot in front of the legislative building on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon to expand handicapped parking spaces around the building. Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP Reyes said yesterday that the $5,200 contract between the bureau and the contractor is to address concerns by the Office of Disability Policy and Programs and to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## Govendo found in violation of rules on judicial conduct

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The CNMI Supreme Court has found Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo's use of "adios muchacho" and two others statements in court to be racially derogatory and a violation of canons and rules for judicial conduct.

Govendo

"Threats and racially derogatory insults are not the hallmark of a judge who is calm and collected, but one who is unable to control his temper when faced with difficult parties," said the high court's ruling penned by Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan, associate justice Alexandro C. Castro, and justice pro tem Edward Manibusan.

In granting special ethics prosecutor Bruce A. Bradley's motion for summary judgment, the justices pointed out that threats and insults are inappropriate and demonstrate that Govendo has difficulty

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## CPA nixes military use of Rota airport

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Despite a promise of some $33,000 in revenue for Rota, the Commonwealth Ports Authority turned down yesterday a proposal by the U.S. military to conduct parachute operations training on the island.

The decision was prompted by a Federal Aviation Administration threat to cut funding assistance for airport projects in the Commonwealth—worth over $300 million—if the military's proposal is approved.

CPA board chair Jose Lifoifoi and board member Benigno Sablan separately confirmed

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## DCCA warned vs 'inappropriate' personnel actions

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The Office of Personnel Management has warned the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs against inappropriately refusing to process job renewals unless employees sign a Code of Conduct, a section of which places employees in a situation of perjury.

While OPM said that DCCA's Employee Code of Conduct provides good guidance to employees to reinforce civil service and excepted service regulations, its "acknowledgment of receipt" section is "not acceptable and could have legal

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# 'Funding could hamper CUC's ability to comply with SO'

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Although it now has new deadlines, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. says one factor could still hamper its efforts to meet the stipulated orders' requirements: funding. At the same time, the bureaucratic nature of CUC is not the ideal structure for a utility agency.

"[There are] contingencies that tend to hold us back. Funding is always a tough issue because it is the CUC philosophy to minimize any rate increases as the rates themselves are already burdensome. A systemic challenge is the bureaucratic nature of the 'system' that is not conducive to operating a utility," said Abe Utu Malae, CUC executive director for operation.

These challenges, he said, are best dealt with by the agency's top management and the CNMI government.

Malae

The second joint stipulated order gives CUC until Nov. 15, 2011, to make sure it is operating according to the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. The deadline's extension is seen to help CUC avoid penalties and fines for noncompliance.

Malae said they feel confident in meeting these deliverables because the dates were discussed and negotiated closely between CUC and the U.S. Environmental Protection. The CNMI was represented by Attorney General Edward Buckingham, who was in charge of leading the consent decree team. Malae said it was a plus for CUC to have the attorney general helping them, in addition to the agency having its own lawyer.

Funding is not the only issue.

Malae said that CUC's poor credit standing limits their ability to pursue financing options.

"Why cannot you just go out and borrow money to complete the stipulated order projects? We cannot do that at present since we have a poor credit rating—we have to strengthen our financial backbone, so to speak. ...Our audits must be unqualified and timely, for example. We must strive to meet industry benchmarks in operating efficiencies," he said.

These include having a complement of skilled workers at four levels—managers, engineers, technicians, and tradespeople—who must have a problem-solving approach to work.

CUC has been in state of emergency since 2008. The declaration suspends procurement regulations and allows the immediate hiring of needed staff. Malae said, however, that hiring enough competent people would take a while.

"It takes at least eight months to hire a skilled employee. We lost a water engineer and two supervisors in water and wastewater earlier this year. It will take some time to replace them. The stipulated order calls for certified water and waste water operators [distribution, treatment, collection] and they must be U.S. qualified. Actually, this will be an excellent opportunity for local workers who are good with their hands and have a good head on their shoulders," he said.

He encouraged residents to study at the Northern Marianas Trade Institute, Northern Marianas College, *Universal Technical Institute* in Arizona, and junior colleges in Oregon that offer operator training. He said these individuals can pass the operator exams at all four levels and the skills tests if they have a good background from those institutions.

Although CUC was able to perform wonders at the power plants in Lower Base, Malae admitted that these cannot be easily duplicated in water and wastewater.

"CNMI and CUC found one of the most skilled power engineers in Wallon Young in the entire Pacific. When the power system collapsed, all attention was focused on the power system and money and resources flowed to it rapidly. Not in fits and starts as with water and wastewater, and oil management," he said.

Moreover, he said, power generation has about two dozen contracted technicians and two engineers from overseas. "We have few in water and wastewater—and U.S. certification is a *sine qua non* (indispensable)."

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# Janet King's term at helm of BOR expiring this month

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Janet H. King's term as chairperson of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents will expire this month and it's not clear whether Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will reappoint her to the position.

Fitial appointed King in May 2008. Her term at the helm of the college board will end on Sept. 23. She was elected chairperson in January following the resignation of former chair Joey San Nicolas, who, like King, also hails from Tinian.

In an email yesterday, press secretary Angel Demapan said: "It is premature to determine appointments/reappointment ahead of the term expiration. Upon expiration, the governor will conduct the usual performance review and subsequently make a determination."

King, a practicing lawyer, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday she's willing to continue serving on the board, although she acknowledged that the governor has absolute discretion in nominating whoever he believes will make an ideal regent.

King

"Without reservation, I respect his decision and defer to his judgment regarding my renomination. …If I am renominated and confirmed, I will continue to work to support the college's mission of enhancing the quality of life and expanding the educational opportunities available for our students," she said.

At this time, King said, one of the most important priorities is ensuring that NMC continues to meet and exceed accreditation standards.

The seven-member board currently has one vacancy after the resignation of Charles Cepeda in July. Other voting members are Malua Peter, Elaine Hocog, Andrew Orsini, Paz Younis, and Frank Rabauliman.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges placed NMC on show-cause status in June following a series of events that rocked the college, capped by the termination of former president Dr. Carmen Fernandez in April. The college has until Oct. 15 to submit a report to WASC on how it is addressing the accrediting agency's concerns.

According to King, interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera and her staff have already made considerable progress in the preparation of NMC's Oct. 15 report, and the board must continue to support that momentum.

"One of my more immediate goals is to also ensure that all board policies are evaluated and—if necessary—revised and updated so that they reflect current accreditation requirements as well as the present environment at the college. We've already made significant headway in updating NMC's personnel and procurement policies," she added.

Despite their extremely busy schedules, King said board members continue to take time from their personal and professional obligations to undergo training activities to maximize their effectiveness as regents.

"I would like to continue this emphasis on board development. We would like to preserve, if not advance, NMC's institutional autonomy. This issue has been repeatedly raised by the accrediting commission, and we are now in the stages of drafting agreements and other instruments to underscore and protect NMC's independence from external influence or pressure," King said.

This isn't the first time NMC was placed on show-cause status. The first one was in 2008 and it was only lifted in June 2009.

# 8-hour cut, travel freeze will remain in effect at the CPA

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Commonwealth Ports Authority employees will continue to have reduced work hours until the start of the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, according to board chair Jose Lifoifoi yesterday.

He made the announcement after disclosing that the board expects no major progress in the agency's financial status and revenue standing, mainly due to the declining economy.

"We will continue the work hour reduction…until we are capable of reinstating it. Main reason: we don't see any new revenues for both our airports and seaports in the next months," said Lifoifoi after yesterday's board meeting.

Except for ports police officers, all airport and seaport employees had their work hours cut since April 1, 2010.

Lifoifoi pointed out, though, that CPA employees may be a little more fortunate than their counterparts in other government agencies and departments because the board is thinking of maintaining the 8-hour reduction—not the 16-hour cut that will be implemented by the central government.

CPA is an autonomous agency and usually makes its own decisions for its personnel and operations. Majority of its funding is sourced from federal grants and other income-revenue generating activities at both airports and seaports.

That decision may only change if there are new airlines or new shipments coming in as this would mean new revenue for the agency.

Lifoifoi described the incoming fiscal year as a "challenging year" for CPA.

Besides the work hour reduction, the board will also maintain its travel ban for employees.

Lifoifoi said the board also cancelled holding board meetings on Tinian and Rota to minimize expenditures.

Unless the off-island travels are sponsored by Federal Aviation Administration, the board will also restrict CPA representations in other events, he added.

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## SENATE

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He said the nine-member Senate will have a quorum to act on the budget bill, barely a month before the start of fiscal year 2011 on Oct. 1.

Manglona said he is confident that the Fiscal Affairs Committee has addressed the concerns of the Northern Marianas College and the Public School System with the budget bill for it to be passed by the full Senate.

Without a budget before Oct. 1, the government will have to shut down, as required by last year's constitutional amendment.

Manglona said the Senate is ready to work with the House once the Senate passes the amended budget bill and if the House has concerns with it.

He said Speaker Froilan Tenorio's (Cov-Saipan) casino bill "may be taken up as well."

As of yesterday, there is no telling whether the Senate will pass or kill Tenorio's House Bill 17-55, House Substitute 1.

Senate floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) also said the bill may be taken up.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) said if he will be given an opportunity, he will recommend placing the casino bill on calendar for action.

"And I will vote no on it," he said.

The casino bill is not on the calendar, but the Senate session agenda contains a communication from the House transmitting for Senate action HB 15-55, HS1.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), chairperson of the Fiscal Affairs Committee, said yesterday the panel recommends increasing the funding for Northern Marianas College so it could meet the maintenance-of-effort agreement between the U.S. Department of Education and the CNMI governor.

She said NMC needs $650,000 more to meet the MOE.

Under the budget bill the House passed on Aug. 18, NMC is budgeted at only $4.601 million.

Taimanao said PSS also asked for an additional $164,000, although the $30.1 million that the House approved for the system already meets the MOE.

"The committee us recommending increasing the budget of NMC and PSS, especially NMC, so that it could meet the MOE," Taimanao told *Saipan Tribune*.

She reiterated that lawmakers' discretionary funding will remain at its current level of $86,796, and will not be increased to $130,000 as the House wants.

Taimanao also said that lawmakers' leadership allocations will remain at their current level.

Concerned citizens have called on lawmakers not to increase their discretionary funding from over $86,000 to $130,000, when most government employees will be receiving up to 25 percent cuts in their salaries.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial identified a total of $149.171 million in projected resources for 2011. Of this figure, $132 million is available for government operations. This is less than $137 million in revised projected revenue for 2011.

## GOVENDO

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controlling his temper.

In a footnote to their order, the justices noted that Govendo repeatedly raised his voice at Demapan during the hearing for this motion, and at times would speak over the chief justice.

Sanctions against Govendo will be determined in a hearing on Oct. 15, 2010.

*Saipan Tribune* contacted Govendo yesterday for comments, but his staff said he would respond via email. He had yet to respond as of press time.

The disciplinary case against Govendo arose from a November 2008 decision issued by Superior Court associate judge Ramona Manglona where she cited Govendo for allegedly violating the "principles of decorum and temperance."

Manglona then wrote a letter to Demapan, alleging that Govendo violated the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 3B(9).

Manglona's letter mentioned Govendo's statement in open court during a family law case against Roger Castillo, a defendant in a domestic violence case.

In that hearing, Govendo told Castillo he is going to call the Office of the Attorney General and recommend that Castillo be prosecuted. Govendo had also said he is going to make it his personal journey to make Castillo leave the CNMI.

"We have enough problem children here from the P.I. and it's time we get rid of them. …I am going to recommend that you be prosecuted. I am going to personally take this on myself, Mr. Castillo. I want to see you leave the Northern Mariana Islands. And when you leave, I will be at the airport to go 'adios muchacho! Don't come back!" Govendo said.

P.I. is an archaic abbreviation for the Philippines; it stands for Philippine Islands.

Govendo also cited native residents involved in domestic violence.

"We don't need perpetrators of domestic violence here. I wish I could get rid of the locals but I can't. They're American citizens. But the ones who are not, there's no reason why we should have to put up with them," he had said.

Demapan appointed retired Guam judge Richard H. Benson as an investigating judge to determine if the allegations warranted further action by the CNMI High Court.

Benson found that Govendo did make the statement to Castillo, and determined that it violated Commonwealth Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 3A(2) and 3A(3), and Commonwealth Rule of Judiciary Disciplinary Procedure 6(a)(3).

Benson also found that, in two other cases, Govendo made statements that violate Rule 6(a)(3).

In one adoption case, Govendo stated he was not going to "approve adoptions with nieces and nephews because the are millions of them all over in the Philippines who can get a better education here."

"Picture all the Filipinos here, every single one of them, has got [sic] five nieces and nephews, back in the Philippines, we would quote 'be better off here.' So all you have to do [is], get married to an Americano, beg him, and he'll adopt them," Govendo said.

In the other statement, Govendo asked a petitioner: "Are there any other kids in the Philippines that you would like to adopt? ...No more? You sure? ...Oh, c'mon. Just about every Filipino here wants to adopt some relative, right?"

After receiving Benson's recommendation, the High Court appointed Bradley to prosecute the matter. Govendo represented himself.

In his answer, Govendo admitted making the Castillo statement, but in the adoption cases he neither admitted nor denied making the statements.

At oral argument, however, Govendo admitted to making all of the statements but took the position that the statements do not constitute violations of any of the canons or rules of judicial conduct.

Govendo insisted that, due to Castillo's history of threatening his wife, his total disregard for the court's orders, and his failure to show the court any respect, he was justified in using threatening and degrading language to coerce Castillo into compliance and protect the victim.

In their order issued Wednesday, the justices found the argument unconvincing.

"The palpable fear of a victim or a defendant's repeated failure to comply with court orders never justifies a judge's failure to maintain order and decorum in a courtroom, or justifies a judge in acting without patience, dignity, or courtesy," the justices said.

With respect to his statement to Castillo, the justices said threatening a party with criminal proceedings, deportation, and using racially derogatory language such as "adios muchacho" is inappropriate.

The justices said in Chamorro the word "muchacho/muchacha" means lad, house-boy/girl; servant; maid, and the use of the word may be offensive in some circumstances.

They said Govendo's statement to Castillo could lead a reasonable impartial observer to conclude that the word "muchacho" is being used in an offensive-demeaning context.

"Such language does not foster the necessary courtroom order and decorum required by Canon 3A(2)," the justices said.

They said Govendo's statement made to Castillo degraded the order and decorum of his court and, by making it, the judge failed to show the required patience, dignity, and courtesy.

As for the two statements in the adoption cases, the justices said recommendation makes clear that the use of a racial descriptor is acceptable, but when combined with race-based stereotypes, such statements create the appearance of racial prejudice.

The justices said the three statements demonstrate a pattern of Govendo being intemperate by making racially inappropriate remarks.

They said the statements in the adoption proceedings create the appearance that Govendo is suspicious of adoptions by Filipinos.

"As stated by Judge Govendo, all Filipinos supposedly want to bring relatives to the CNMI to give them a better life. This is extremely inappropriate language," the justices said.

The justices said they do not believe that Govendo acted because he is racist, and neither the recommendation nor the prosecutor made such an argument.

"Judge Govendo's choice of words, however, creates the appearance of a pattern of racial basis, and this is unacceptable," the justices added.

## CPA

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with *Saipan Tribune* the board's decision in yesterday's closed-door session.

Michael Simpson represented the U.S. Marine Corps at the meeting.

The proposal was not openly tackled at the board meeting. CPA officials said the matter was discussed in a closed-door session where they reached the decision.

"We have a lot of projects coming up for Rota and other airports. We will lose the funding for all of these projects if we will allow them [military] to conduct their operation in our airports, so we made the decision," said Lifoifoi.

Sablan said that FAA had advised and warned CPA of the consequence if they go through with the military's plan.

"Our advice from FAA dictates that we do not approve it," Sablan said. "FAA said 'if you let them jump, we will cut off your funding."

He said the federal agency was mainly concerned about "airspace."

Both board members said the FAA warning covers all airports run by CPA.

CPA was approached by 3D Reconnaissance Battalion for its parachute operations training.

The U.S. military had initiated negotiations with Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola and other officials; however, any decision to use the airport lies with the CPA.

The same unit is currently doing other trainings on Rota and was seeking CPA's permission to use the airport area for its parachute training operations.

It was learned that the unit wanted to use the Rota airport on Sept. 13 to 16, and was planning to conduct surveillance missions from Sept. 16 through 21 in the vicinity of At Matmos, Rota.

The training program requires two teams of seven members to do a parachute insert at the Rota International Airport and then move to At Matmos, Rota. Once this scenario is complete, the Marines will move back to the airport for pickup by the Navy's H-60 series helicopters.

## DCCA

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consequences."

An affected DCAA employee said yesterday that she felt "threatened" when she was forced to sign the document.

"I believe that the continuation of my employment should be based on my performance, and not because I refused to sign a document. Even OPM said later that what DCCA did is inappropriate," the employee told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

Personnel Director Isidro K. Seman wrote an Aug. 26 letter to DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao, asking him to make changes to the Code of Conduct acknowledgment section and to tell him that refusing to process job renewals on the basis of not signing off on the Code of Conduct is "inappropriate."

"If the allegations are true that you are refusing to process personnel actions or employment renewals unless this document is signed, I would have to view this as an inappropriate position from the perspective of this office and the personnel regulations," Seman told Faisao in the one-page letter.

Seman said "continued employment should be based upon the needs of the government and an employee's performance, not whether the employee signs this document."

"Your ultimatum regarding the signing of a guidance document that is not statutory or regulatory and is not used elsewhere in the Commonwealth government could possibly be construed as creating a constructive termination situation that, again, could have legal consequences and certainly creates a poor employer-employee relationship," Seman added.

Faisao was off-island yesterday and could not be reached for comment. No one at his office wanted to comment about the matter.

Seman, when asked yesterday on the issue, said Faisao sent him an email acknowledging receipt of his letter.

"He alluded in his email that he will incorporate our suggestions. I hope that they could be done. It would be up to him if he wants to do that," Seman said in a brief phone interview.

One of the affected DCCA employees said she accepted the Employee Code of Conduct document, but did not sign the acknowledgment section which reads: "I, _____, have read, understand and am in compliance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct. I am not aware of any violations of this Code of Conduct at this time. Should I become aware of any violations of this Code of Conduct, I will notify my supervisor, appointed authority of the CNMI Office of Personnel Management immediately."

Seman, in his letter to Faisao, said the Code of Conduct's acknowledgment section "goes beyond guidance and potentially places the employee in a situation of self-incrimination or perjury."

"This is not acceptable and could have legal consequences. This can be avoided by changing the acknowledgement to the more standard format," Seman told Faisao.

The OPM director's suggested format for the acknowledgement section reads: "I, _____, certify that I have received a copy of this Code of Conduct and have read it and understand it."

"If you make this correction, I will have no objection to DCCA providing this Code of Conduct as supplementary guidance to the Civil Service and Excepted Service Regulations," Seman told Faisao.

DCCA employees have received copies of the Code of Conduct; some of them did not sign the acknowledgment section.

"Right now I am waiting for my job renewal to be processed. I hope DCCA does something after OPM already wrote to the department," one of the DCCA employees said.

IF DHS WON'T ISSUE ITS OWN REGULATIONS

# CNMI should be allowed to enforce own rules—Fitial

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If Gov. Benigno R. Fitial could have his way, he would have the CNMI enforce its existing rules on foreign workers, foreign investors, and foreign students if the U.S. Department of Homeland Security does not want to issue regulations for the Commonwealth.

"If they don't want to issue the regulations, then let's continue to enforce our local laws," Fitial said in an interview.

DHS failed to meet its self-imposed July deadline to issue the transitional foreign investor regulations, and is also mum on whether it could also meet its September deadline to issue the foreign worker regulations.

Fitial said his administration is keeping a close watch on DHS on this matter.

"Because if they're just going to issue the regulations they did the last time, of course I'm going to fight it," he said, adding that his administration has not heard anything from DHS as to when the regulations will be issued.

DHS and its component agencies like the U.S. Customs and Border Protection took over CNMI immigration on Nov. 28, 2009.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan is also "disappointed" and "frustrated" with the delay in the release of the investor regulations, as well as DHS' silence on any revised deadlines.

Sablan, who left Saipan yesterday for Washington, D.C., said among his top priorities is to reach out to the White House on the status of the DHS regulations.

Foreign workers, employers, investors, businesses, and the CNMI government are all frustrated over the delay in the release of the regulations.

For many, every single day that the regulations are not released to guide them means another day that investors can't invest, businesses can't expand or hire workers, and foreign workers can't decide whether to stay or leave.

The interim final regulations were released before the federal government took over CNMI immigration on Nov. 28, 2009, but a judge handling Fitial's lawsuit against the U.S. government over federalization prevented the rules from going into effect pending the outcome of the lawsuit.

In the meantime, the Fitial administration is amending its local regulations to regain monitoring of exit from and entry into the CNMI by foreign passengers and cargo.

It said allowing a system of obtaining passenger and cargo manifest ahead of their arrivals will help the CNMI government better track overstayers or illegal aliens on the islands, for referral to DHS for deportation.

WITH CLASSES OPENING

# DPS offers road safety tips

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Be aware and prepared to stop when approaching a school bus shelter.

Watch for children walking on the streets.

These are just two of the safety tips the Department of Public Safety issued yesterday for motorists, as the islands gird for the opening of public schools in the CNMI next week.

Police spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. encouraged parents, grandparents, and guardians to talk to their children and teach them these safety tips.

Since vehicular traffic is expected to increase, Blas reminded motorists to pay extra attention and adjust their drive times due to the school zones' "stop and go" traffic.

He reminded motorists that the speed limit in school zones is 10 to 15 miles per hour and that some students ride bicycles or walk to school.

"DPS traffic officers will be out in full force monitoring our school zones and will be conducting a 'zero' tolerance enforcement within these locations," Blas said.

Here's DPS safety tips for students when walking:

■ Use the same route every day.
■ Walk with friends or a buddy.
■ Obey all traffic laws.
■ Go straight to school and, after school, go straight home.
■ Do not play near or on roadways.
■ Always look both ways before crossing the road.
■ Make sure cars see you and all completely stop on the road before you cross.
■ Walk—don't run—across intersections or road.
■ Stay out of the street and remain at the bus shelter until the bus arrives.
■ As the bus approaches, stay away until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals for you to enter.
■ Be aware of traffic around you.
■ Don't walk in the driver's blind spot.
■ Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
■ Stay seated in the bus—keep head and arms inside the bus at all times.
■ Do not distract the driver.
■ When being dropped off, exit straight out away from the bus and then turn left so the driver can see you at all times.

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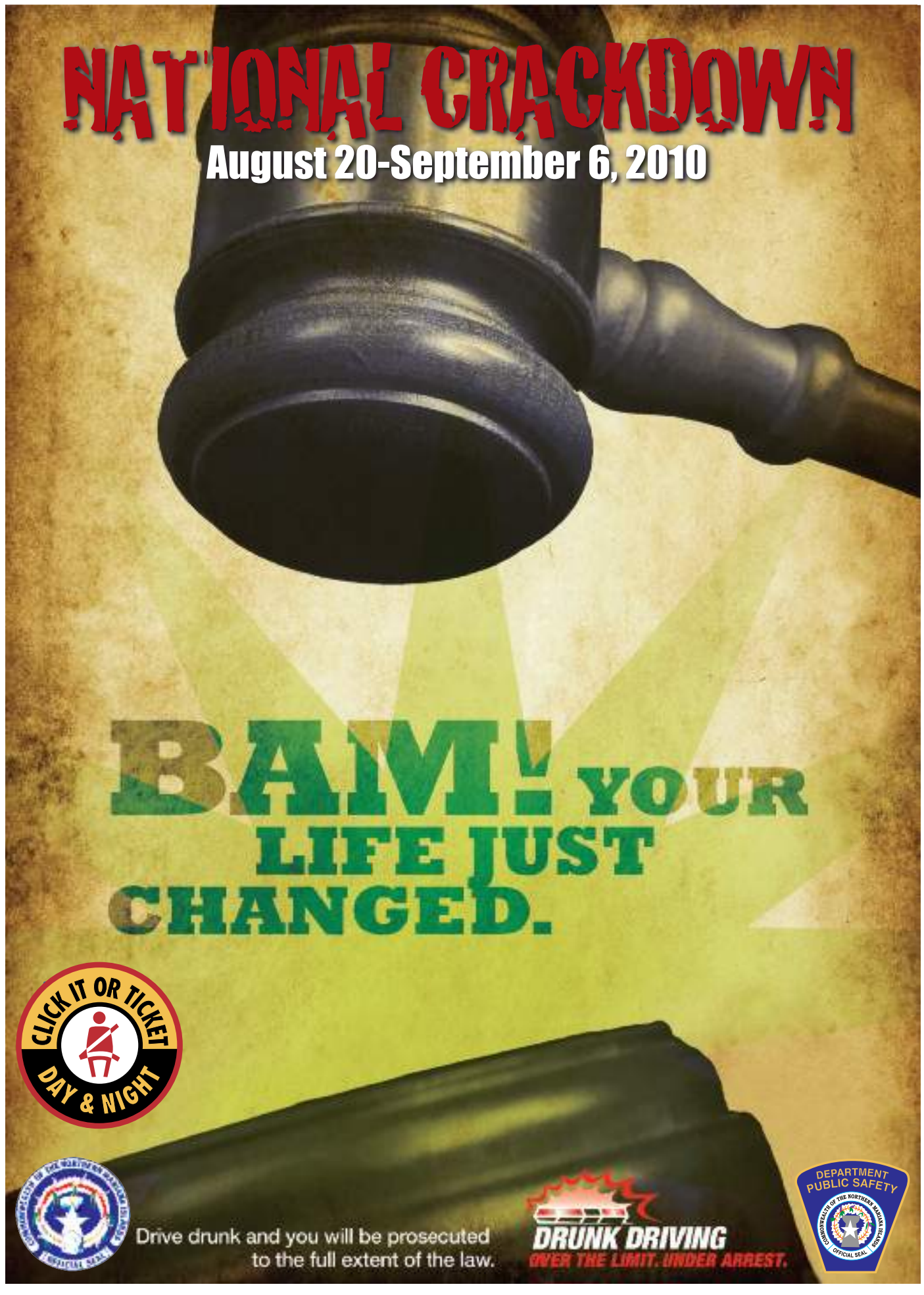
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# Kilili presents $100,000 earmark for PSS textbooks

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan presented Monday a $100,000 check to the Northern Marianas Public School System to be used for books and other educational materials. Sablan's congressional directed appropriation was included in U.S. Public Law 111-117, enacted on December 16, 2009.

"Education continues to be my focus in Congress," said Sablan. "As a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I am always looking for new ways to support students in the Northern Marianas. Education is the best strategy for our economic development in the long term."

Monday's event was held at Garapan Elementary School Library and attended by PSS officials, librarians, teachers, and students. The $100,000 will be spent for library books and textbooks, which are often difficult for PSS to be able to buy given its limited local funding.

Last week, Sablan made a similar presentation of a $250,000 earmark for the Chamorro and Refaluwasch language programs at PSS.

Public Law 111-117 also included at $200,000 Sablan earmark for the Northern Marianas Trade Institute for instructional staff, books, and equipment in support of the NMTI vocational and technical training programs.

Congressionally directed appropriations are included in most annual appropriations measures passed by Congress. These earmarks provide members of Congress an opportunity to help local organizations to obtain federal funding support without having to compete against other organizations nationwide.

"We are a small place with limited resources. We can't compete for every single grant out there," said Sablan. "And we can't hope to win out consistently against places like New York or California. But the job of a member of Congress is to understand the special needs of the people he represents and to be able to make sure that his constituents get those needs met. That's what earmarks accomplish. And that's what this $100,000 does for PSS."

For fiscal year 2011 appropriations, which are still working their way through Congress, Sablan has received preliminary approval of another $500,000 for PSS, as well as $500,000 for the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitors Center, $500,000 for the Rota gymnasium, $400,000 for the Commonwealth Judiciary, and $75,000 for Tinian's youth and seniors.

Sablan has also been actively engaged in using the resources of the Library of Congress to bring books to readers in the Northern Mariana Islands. To date Sablan has distributed over 10,000 books to public and private school libraries in the Commonwealth, as well as to Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and Tinian Public Library. ***(PR)***

**HUNTING SEASON REGULATION**

| Type of Species | Bag Limit | Season Limit | Effective & Ending Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sambar Deer (Rota only) | 1 | 1 | Sept. 01 - Nov. 30 |
| Wild Goat/Pig/Cow | No Limit | No Limit | Open All Year |
| Philippine Turtle Dove | 5 | 20 | Apr. 15 - May 31 |
| | 10 | 20 | Oct. 01 - Nov. 30 |
| Coconut Crab | 5 | 10 | Sept. 15 - Nov. 15 |
| Land Crab | No Limit | No Limit | Apr. 01 - June 30 |
| | | | Oct. 01 - Dec. 31 |
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**HUNTING LICENSE FEE**

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|---|---|---|
| Sambar Deer | $10.00 | None |
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| Philippine Turtle Dove | $10.00 | $75.00 |
| Coconut Crab | $10.00 | $75.00 |
| Land Crab | $10.00 | $75.00 |
| Sea Crab | $10.00 | $75.00 |

SOURCE: DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

# Hunting season opens today

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Section of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources has issued its hunting season regulations and hunting license fees for the CNMI, which reflect the same schedule from last year.

Conservation officer Alvin K. Fitial told *Saipan Tribune* that there are no changes and fee hikes for the hunting season, which begins today.

Fitial said these regulations are applicable for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Among the species regulated during the hunting season are wild goats, pigs or cows, Philippine turtle doves, coconut crabs, land crabs, sea crabs, and the Sambar deer on Rota.

The regulations for these species include bag limits and season limits.

According to Fitial, a bag limit is the number of species that a person can hunt for a day while the season limit is the maximum number that can be hunted for the duration of the hunting season.

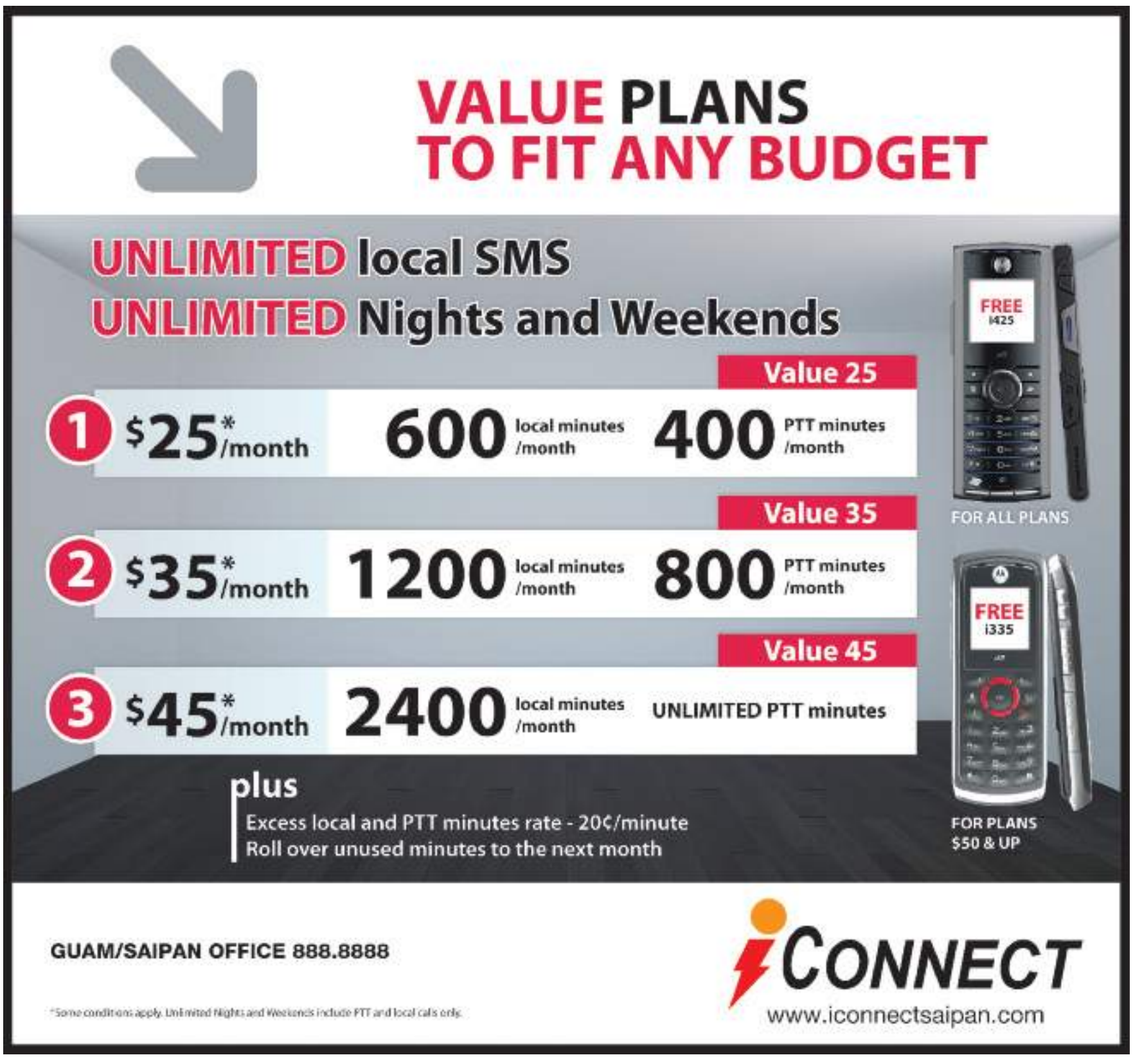
From the regulated species, only the Philippine turtle doves and the land crabs have two hunting seasons within a year.

The wild animals, land crabs, and sea crabs have neither bag limits nor season limits.

"It is very important for people to follow these regulations," said Fitial, adding that the division is encouraging all hunters to apply for a license.

However, Fitial reminded that license holders are still prohibited from hunting in sanctuaries and conservation areas.

To apply for a license or for more information, visit the Division of Fish and Wildlife in Lower Base or call 664-6030 or 31.




# Investor sues to collect $100K security deposit

An investor has filed a lawsuit against the Dan Dan Golf Club owner for allegedly refusing to return a $100,000 security deposit for their lease agreement.

Jin Ah Corp. and its president, Jae Dong Chung, sued the CNMI Development Inc., owner of Dan Dan Golf Club, for breach of contract.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Stephen J. Nutting, asked the Superior Court to order CNMI Development to return his deposit and pay him attorney's fees and court costs.

According to the complaint, Chung Jin Ah Corp. entered into an initial lease agreement for the golf driving range, located along airport Road in San Vicente, on July 7, 2000.

Nutting said the agreement, drafted by CNMI Development Inc., provided, among other things, that CNMI Development will lease the premises to Jin Ah Corp. for three years starting on Aug. 15, 2000 and ending on Aug. 14, 2003.

The lawyer said that Jin Ah Corp. paid $100,000 to CNMI Development when the agreement was executed on July 7, 2000.

He said his clients also paid the monthly rent.

Both parties extended the lease on the premises in June 2003 for four more years starting Aug. 15, 2003, and ending on Aug. 14, 2007.

Nutting said that near the end of the extension of the lease, in a letter dated June 19, 2007, CNMI Development informed Jin Ah Corp. that it was not renewing the lease.

Nutting said his clients vacated the premises on time and asked for the return of the $100,000 that it had paid as a security deposit. Up to this time, he said, CNMI Development has failed to return the money. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# Group eyes education campaign on exit survey about Interior's recommendation

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REPORTER

The non-profit Indigenous Rights Movement chaired by Ignacio Demapan will soon be visiting villages to educate voters about the exit poll or survey on the U.S. Department of the Interior's report recommending improved immigration status for foreign workers in the CNMI.

The exit poll will be printed on a sheet of paper separate from the ballot when voters go to the polls on Nov. 2 to elect a CNMI delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

"We are ready to conduct an educational campaign as soon as the House and Senate pass a bill authorizing the Election Commission to also have the exit poll during the election," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Among the options that the Interior recommended are conferring long-term foreign workers U.S. citizenship, conferring them permanent residency leading to citizenship, or granting them a status similar to Freely Associated States citizens.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero separately said the commission is responsible for educational campaigns on the three initiatives but not on the exit poll.

Guerrero said the commission needs $2,000 to print some 18,000 exit poll questionnaires.

This is in addition to the $65,000 that the commission needs to hold the Nov. 2 election.

The Fitial administration has released only $35,000 of the commission's requested amount. There is no word yet on the remaining $30,000.

Guerrero said he would like to ask the House of Representatives to also insert the requested $30,000 in the bill that would allow for the exit survey to be conducted during the election.

That bill has yet to be finalized as of yesterday.

Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday that the specific question for the survey is still being worked on.

"We are still in the middle of deliberation," he said.

Demapan, for his part, said the question is being formulated by the House leadership, and not the Office of Indigenous Affairs.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial met with lawmakers on Friday on his proposal to place a non-binding question before voters during the election.

The governor said the question will represent a "direct reflection of the will of the people of the Commonwealth in regards to the DOI's recommendations to the U.S. Congress."

Fitial is opposed to the Interior report, while the Legislature had adopted a resolution opposing the report as well.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MVA exec on Marianas Agupa this Saturday

This Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, Marianas Agupa will feature Perry Tenorio, managing director of the Marianas Visitors Authority, from 10am to 10:30am on Magic 100.3 FM. Topics of discussion will be the CNMI's No. 1 industry, tourism, how it is faring compared to other destinations, and what are we doing to increase traffic.

The Chamorro talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona, with special guest host former mayor Joseph S. Inos. The talk show airs every Saturday between 9am and 11am. Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota correspondent Thomas D. Mendiola and a report from Tinian correspondent David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. For more information, email marianasagupa@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

### Saipan chamber meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its general membership meeting today, Sept. 1, at the Palms Resort. The guest speaker is David John, board chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce. John will talk about the state of the Guam economy, the territory's labor situation, the military buildup, and what issues the Guam chamber is facing right now.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at noon. The meeting costs $15 for members, $20 for guests of members, and $25 for the public. ***(SCC)***

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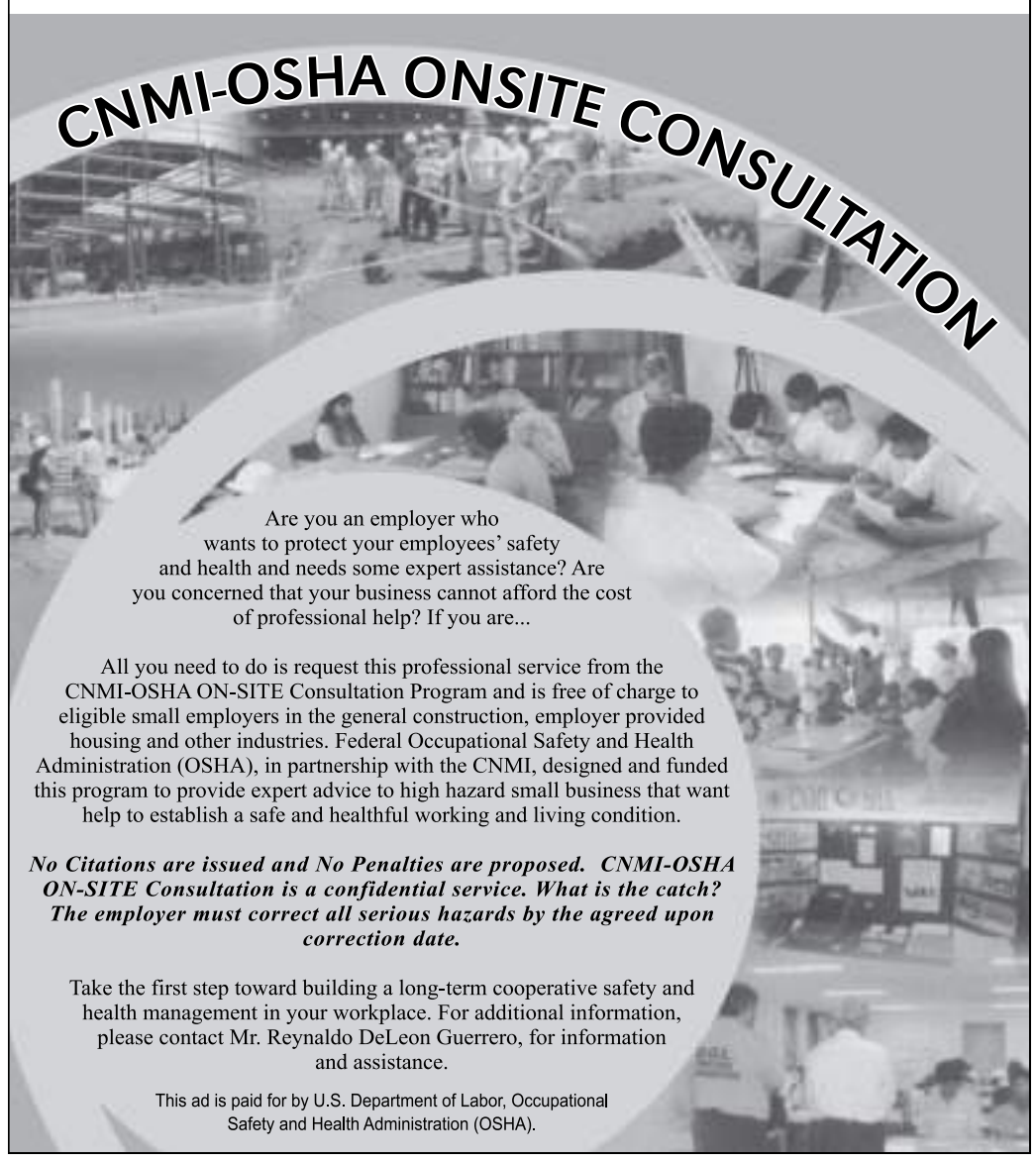


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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| LPP MORTGAGE, ltd., Plaintiff, -v- ASCENSION L. ALEXANDER, Defendant. | ) | CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0349 **NOTICE OF SALE** |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on July 2, 2010, in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant Ascension L. Alexander in and to the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

**LOT NO. 002 G 308, (MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS KAGMAN II, HOMESTEAD LOT NO. 002 G 308)**, containing an area of 1,071 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989, and filed with the office of the Commonwealth Recorder on May 14, 1990 as file no. 90-1904.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on September 20, 2010, at the hour of 3:45 p.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to the sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.

a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d. Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

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a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in care of Mailman & Kara, LLC, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

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Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 30th day of August, 2010:

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

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# Faisao disputes audit findings

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The secretary of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has disputed the audit findings made by the National Endowment for the Arts' Office of Inspector General on grants provided the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune,* Melvin L.O. Faisao said DCCA reviewed the findings and "does not agree with certain issues dealing with the $1.4 million amount identified."

Faisao said, though, that DCCA "welcomes" the audit report findings, describing it as an "effervescent process."

Issued on Aug. 17, the report reviewed four NEA grants awarded the council from 2005 to 2009. The report concluded that the council did not have a system in place to tracks all costs reported, did not maintain expense documentation and may have inappropriately awarded grants to ineligible organizations and individuals, did not maintain the required personnel activity reports, did not have adequate internal controls in place, and did not have a Section 504 self-evaluation on file.

The preliminary audit findings prompted NEA to suspend funding to the council in October 2009.

"Although the Council's expenditures generally matched the total outlays reported, we could not determine whether each component of the award was matched as required," the report stated.

But Faisao said argued that "there is questionable enumeration/record that the inspector general has provided."

"The salaries and program incomes which derive from the local funding are included into the outlays as a matching to the grant award amount," he said.

Based on the findings, the NEA Office of Inspector General recommended that the council be considered a "high-risk" grant recipient and deemed ineligible to apply for or receive NEA awards and terminate all funding and suspend any awards until the council has implemented corrective measures and improved its management of federal grants.

Should NEA reinstate the council's eligibility to receive funding, the report recommended that the council be put on the cost reimbursement method of funding, which means costs for the grantee are reimbursed when required matching costs have also been incurred.

Faisao said DCCA will "amicably work together" with the NEA Office of Inspector General in addressing the concerns on the audit report "for agreeable resolution."

# $50,000 cash bail each for 2 rob suspects

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo imposed yesterday a $50,000 cash bail each for the two men suspected of attempting to rob a poker arcade in San Vicente Monday morning.

Govendo appointed the Office of the Public Defender to represent Terence A. Fitial, while a private counsel will be appointed for Aliston H. Santos.

Preliminary hearing is on Sept. 8.

Fitial, 28, was charged with aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, attempted robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, and disturbing the peace.

Santos faces charges of attempted robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, and disturbing the peace.

Detective Jackson W. Jack said that Fitial and Santos have admitted participating in the early Monday morning attempt to rob SV Poker.

Fital and Santos allegedly confessed that, before the incident, they were drinking at Fitial's grandmother's house in San Vicente when they decided to rob SV Poker.

The suspects failed to get any money after the arcade's security guard fought them. The guard was hurt during the struggle. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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**TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT ALEX L. EVANGELISTA**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR** by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitiled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 11th day of August, 2010.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 10th birthday to Geneva Sabugo, who is celebrating her birthday today, Sept. 1, 2010. Greetings come from her cousin Emman, sister Jaiden, and family and friends.

# Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

## Sept. 1, 1999

### Tour operators' plea for airport parking fee exemption junked

Serious in its intent to earn the much-needed revenues from parking fees, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has denied the request of Japan Saipan Travel Association for an exemption from the payment of airport parking fee. The implementation of parking fee is expected to generate an additional $100,000 in annual revenues for the cash-strapped ports authority JSTA, which handles over 90 percent of all Japanese tourists to the CNMI, has sought a waiver until April 1, 2000. At least three to five staff members of each JSTA-member company goes to the airport to greet their customers.

### House opposes legalization of marijuana

Local lawmakers yesterday signed a resolution expressing their strong opposition against a private initiative to legalize use of marijuana and its byproducts in the CNMI. Calling the move as deceptive and poorly orchestrated, the House of Representatives urged the community to join together in blocking the effort. "(A)s a tightly knit family-oriented community, we must unite together to deter any effort by a handful of self-interest group trying to destroy our community by opening doors to illicit drugs in the CNMI," said the resolution. Offered by House Speaker Diego T. Benavente, this expression of the House's sentiment came in the wake of the move by a private organization to push the issue in a popular vote during the November midterm polls.

## Sept. 1, 2000

### CNMI marks opening of 16th public school

CNMI will witness history transpire today as the Public School System finally unveils the $6 million Kagman Elementary School earlier strafed with controversies that range from construction grief to funding woes. The newly-constructed elementary school is the 16th public campus to be established in the CNMI. Kagman elementary students will hold their first classes at the 27-classroom campus starting Tuesday, Sept. 5. Education officials have been looking forward to the facility's opening after construction deadlines to the school's completion have repeatedly been pushed back due to numerous concerns.

### Govt urged to hold talks with Nippon Air

Lawmakers have prodded key government agencies as well as the governor's Aviation Task Force to lure back All Nippon Airways (ANA) to the Northern Marianas in an effort to boost the number of tourists from Japan. A resolution adopted by the House of Representative the other day formally requested the task force, the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Commonwealth Ports Authority to take steps in encouraging the Japanese carrier to renew its service to the islands. Rep. David M. Apatang, sponsor of the resolution, stressed the CNMI government should look into the possibility of resuming ANA's flights to Saipan to help improve the present air transportation situation here.

## Sept. 1, 2002

### Saipan projected to need more grade schools

The Public School System needs to secure approximately five hectares of property and a funding of $6.5 million to accommodate the projected additional 966 elementary-age students by 2007 in Kagman. The fast rising number of elementary school-age population is anticipated to cause problem in the next five years as predicted by the PSS-Capital Improvement Program, particularly because the Kagman Elementary School has exceeded its projected enrollment figure. Based on the PSS-CIP Summary Report, Kagman has the fastest growing student population with projected growth of more than 5 percent or 38 students per year. "The enrollment at Kagman Elementary has filled the school at 757 students, already far above the mandated enrollment of 400 to 500 in its second year," the report noted.

### HSBC continues to support NMC

Despite the economic recession and its corporate decision to close the Saipan Branch, the Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corp. recently renewed its commitment to the development and improvement of postsecondary education in the CNMI by donating $5,000 to the Northern Marianas College again this year. Collectively, the HSBC has donated $20,000 to the NMC to improve the quality of its educational programs and services. "On behalf of our entire college community, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corporation for their generous contribution and interest in supporting higher education here in the CNMI," said Dr. Kenneth Wright, NMC president.

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## EDITORIAL

## Migrant misery, in Mexico

The bullet-riddled bodies of 72 Central and South Americans reportedly slain by drug traffickers in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas shine a light on the dark truth known to undocumented migrants: The illegal trek north through Mexico is treacherous, and those who undertake it put themselves at the mercy of vicious predators. Even before they reach the potentially fatal desert crossing into the United States, thousands of migrants each year face kidnapping, extortion, sexual assault and murder—crimes that often go unreported and unsolved.

An Ecuadorean survivor of the massacre has told officials that the victims were gunned down after refusing to pay or work for the Zetas, the dominant cartel in the region. This would be consistent with reports that drug cartels are diversifying into the lucrative human trafficking business, collecting fees of up to $7,000 a head from relatives in the United States while often forcing migrants to carry drugs with them across the border. But many questions remain unanswered, not the least of which is why the traffickers would kill such valuable prey.

The case is the latest evidence of the well-documented violence against migrants that Mexican officials have been unwilling or unable to confront. Amnesty International has described an "epidemic" of abuses against migrants. In 2009, Mexico's National Human Rights Commission issued a report concluding that 9,758 illegal immigrants had been kidnapped in a six-month period ending in February of that year, including at least 57 children. Among the states with the most cases: Tamaulipas.

Migrants are assaulted and thrown off speeding trains. Some simply disappear. Human rights organizations estimate that as many as six in 10 women and girls are sexually assaulted on the journey. The crimes go unreported because the victims are in Mexico illegally or, according to human rights activists, because Mexican police and other authorities are participating in them.

The Tamaulipas massacre underscores the failure of the Mexican government to provide vulnerable migrants with the protection and due process required by international law and the Mexican Constitution. Clearly, those who make this journey do so out of desperation, or they wouldn't take such risks. In the view of this page, violence is one of the principal arguments for establishing a safe and legal avenue for migrants to seek work in the United States. Mexicans rightly complain about the new immigration law in Arizona and discrimination against undocumented workers in the United States, but they also must take responsibility for the violence and end impunity for the crimes against migrants in Mexico.

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## The politics of protest

**By JAIME VERGARA**
*Special to the* Tribune

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It was in the second half of the '60s when this Pinoy country boy, convinced that every American institution of learning is a citadel of civil liberties, entered a school in Kentucky, one of two prominent and popular colleges that intended to stem the flow of modernism and block the inroads of evolutionary theory into education. Its town outside Lexington voted down a proposed superhighway, just so the folks would be spared the modern world's influence! No Amish and Mennonites folks here, just decent ordinary blue-blooded gringos.

I got in hot water early, commenting that the only two blacks in the classroom were from Africa; local ones who lived across the railroad tracks came to school to work the yards, the buildings and the kitchen. I was not an ingrate but my scholarship meant being a token Oriental! Adding a factual statement like, "the horse barns are better equipped than the public classrooms," did not endear me to my local hosts. The Kentucky Derby was a symbol of gentility north of Davy Crocket's neck of the woods.

It was a long passage from Manila to San Francisco, with stopovers in Hong Kong when Kowloon was still a shantytown, then Yokohama (the Kobe stop was aborted due to weather) where some of us took the bullet train to Ginza to spend our green bucks on a hamburger in the world's first revolving restaurant. I also picked up my first camera, which came in handy later when joining public protests as a member of the press corps.

Aboard American President Lines USS *President Wilson*, it took us 20 days to traverse the Pacific via Hawaii where Ilocano relations showed me the new East-West Center at UH Manoa. The new I. M. Pei architecture held my breath and I was determined to tread along the Manoa stream parallel road in my career. I did not make it as a student, but I did attend a few symposia later, and though it stands on its own merit, it is clear that it is the U.S. counterpoint to Moscow's Lumumba University for Third World participants.

On the APL, this August 1965 voyage prior to the opening of the fall semester in U.S. schools were students from Southeast Asia, HK, Korea and Japan, and returning U.S. students from summer trips and treks in Asia. U of Oregon staffers were on board to orient those of us neophytes on manners and etiquette in American settings. The inquisitive nature of the clientele, however, would not rest easy with just the refinements of the dining table. We were afloat while Watts burned for six days in south L. A., and I was naif when I suggested in one of the conversations that the *Brown v. Board of Education* court ruling and the Little Rock Nine had pretty much settled the civil rights issue on segregation. My VoA learning proved to be one-sided.

The majestic Golden Gate Bridge of San Francisco showed up as the fog finally cleared the Bay Area while the sun rose above the foothills of east Oakland. Vietnam just began smoldering from GI Joe's braggadocio in Asia. Episcopalian seminarian Selma-to-Montgomery vet Jonathan Daniels of New Hampshire shielded colleague Ruby Sales from construction worker and deputy sheriff Tom Coleman's shotgun. He died instantly, and though Sales testified against Coleman at his trial, an all-white jury acquitted the defendant. Sales went on to Daniels' Seminary and became a distinguished social activist theologian in her own right. The nation revised its jury selection procedures.

What became clear to me as civil rights merged into the Vietnam War protest movement was an Achilles heel in any protest politics. It hinges on pointing out what's wrong with another, and *that the other must change.* As pointed out during the protest up Capital Hill at the Legislature over the increase of legislators' discretionary funds, the intransigence and arrogance of an established power, particularly a beleaguered one, is legendary. It will do what it pleases, and the "what-are-we-in-power-for" syndrome prevails. On the other hand, protesters are portrayed as self-righteous moralists!

The act of protest recognizes change as a component to life. Originally, *Pro testare,* was meant to "testify for." It is to state what one stood for, and following the practice of defining something by detailing "what it is not" first, "what one was against" was meant only to strengthen the definition of "what one is for," not the definition itself. The politics of protest, particularly in contemporary practice outside the halls of global assemblies, or as an expression of "peoples power," has become more public theater for therapy, at best, or the expression of juvenile vulgarism and vandalism, at worst. To protest without the testament of what one is for is counterproductive.

The serenity of the September skies has less humidity in the air to fog up vision and hide the clutters in the windmills of our minds so, if and when we protest, let us vigorously demonstrate also what we are for. And let that be known among ourselves that we may bind our strengths together, if we so choose. We'll let our legislators in on it, too, just in case they want to hear.

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# The power of intuition

*The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!*

## Step 5 in the creative process

In previous *columns ["The Power of Clarity": July 29, 2010; "The Power of Visualization": Aug. 4, 2010; "The Power of Acceptance": Aug. 11, 2010, and "The Power of Focus": Aug. 18, 2010],* we spoke about the need to have clear and specific descriptions and images of your goals as the first step in bringing them into reality. We covered the need to visualize (or sensorize) your desired reality as often as possible. We also discussed removing any of the mental and emotional blocks that may prevent you from committing to, pursuing and achieving your goals. And we touched on the need to focus your attention on the desired outcome. This brings us to Step 5 in the 7-step creative process: Intuition.

## Preface

It is my belief that everyone is born intuitive. In other words, everyone has the innate ability to receive information, inspiration and ideas from a higher source. It is possible to know things without having been told or taught them in traditional ways.

It is my further belief that we, as humans, as part of our cultural indoctrination, are routinely trained *away* from certain belief systems and practices that would hone and strengthen our intuitive powers, while at the same time trained *into* beliefs and behaviors that limit and block those powers.

We've talked before of the need to quiet the mind in order to eliminate the distractions of media and advertising, and the negativity of news, and so on. Your goal, therefore, as a developing human being with goals and dreams you wish to manifest, is to develop a new set of belief systems and habits of behavior that support the development of your intuitive faculties.

There are many reasons some people are better than others at using the creative process to manifest their dreams. There are reasons some people seem "lucky" in love and business while others do not. While solid arguments could be made that the successful people in life have access to the right information, or are more charming, or are predestined, or have the right genes, I suggest to you that you can overcome any perceived deficiency in information, personality, fate, or gene pool by doing two simple things: 1. Listen carefully. 2. Act on what you hear.

## What do I do next? Listen carefully.

As you proceed with creating your desired reality, it will often be necessary to know "what to do next?" In many cases—especially if you are creating a life for which there is no template—there won't be any script or blueprint for you to follow. It is then that you will need to listen to what your intuition reveals, and then act accordingly without delay in order to move forward.

This intuition may often guide you to a place you should be, a thing you should do, or, perhaps to a person you should talk to. Sometimes those places, actions and people are within your immediate circles. Many times, however, they require you to step outside of your comfort zones. However, many of us are too busy to go to places outside of our usual haunts, or we are too distracted by work and responsibilities to do things outside of our routine, or, we're too fearful of ridicule or rejection to speak our desires and intentions to others who might be able to help us.

## My own life lesson

I once read words to the effect that "your good will always come to you through other people." Makes perfect sense, except that my own flaw is that the "default setting" of my personality seems to be recluse and loner. I find a certain amount of comfort "keeping my own counsel," and keeping certain creative aspects of my personal life private. (You may not believe this, but I'm not a gregarious person)

However, I find that overcoming my personality flaws and fears and by following my intuitive feeling to speak to a particular person and sharing my intentions with them typically leads to me receiving some information, inspiration or idea that can help me move forward quickly and easily to manifesting my dreams.

My inner dialogue typically goes something like this:

*INTUITION: "I have this strong urge and feeling like I should really talk to Mary and share with her what I want to create."*

*FEAR: "Nope. You're a private person. She doesn't need to know. It's none of her business. You don't need anyone's help."*

*INTUITION: "She might have some information that could help, while at the same time I might have something of value to share with her to help her with her own dreams."*

Do I follow my intuition and tell Mary that I've always wanted to start my own flower shop, or do I keep it to myself? What I choose will determine the ease with which I move forward.

In fact, as I think about it, many of the books I've been inspired to write, the places I've discovered to travel to, and the information, inspiration and ideas that have allowed me to live true to myself have always come to me or have been facilitated by my relationships with others and what they shared with me. (Also, it typically happens when I'm sharing my information, inspiration and ideas to help them.)

## Lesson learned

Once I overcome my need for privacy, and act on my intuition, and share with others, that's when good things start to happen. So, now that I'm conscious of this, I endeavor (though not always successfully) to make a conscious habit of overcoming my desire for privacy, and the habit of being a recluse, and follow through on the intuitive guidance. I'm coming to learn that people can't help me move forward in my creative process if they don't know what I want to create.

## Your mission

Some people mistake the sound of their fears—the mental soundtrack of limitation instilled in them by family and friends—for "conventional wisdom," even advertising itself as the still small voice within. They hear a voice inside telling them what to do, but it's the wrong voice! They've been so brainwashed by fears of what could go wrong, of what others believe they are capable of, of what "everyone knows" is possible, and the inculcated motivations of what they "should do" taught them by Madison Avenue ad executives, that they have no idea what their own intuitive voice sounds like.

Your mission, therefore, is to find out what your own intuitive guidance sounds or feels like. Everyone is different. Everyone has different lessons to learn. Everyone has different strategies they use to sabotage themselves. Sometimes (in my case) it's a feeling to reach out. Sometimes it might be a deeper, less conscious, intuitive feeling to avoid people who you might otherwise be drawn to, but who aren't in your best interests. Sometimes it's a feeling to pursue a particular talent that you've allowed to remain dormant. These hunches, knowings, voices, certainties, gut feelings, vibes and awarenesses of unknown origins might be your intuition guiding you.

Take stock of how such feelings and knowings have guided you in the past, saved you from harm, helped you achieve and helped you grow. That's one way to become more familiar with what your intuition sounds and feels like.

Turn off the distractions. Quiet the mind. Listen carefully. Act on what you hear, and develop the confidence in your intuitive abilities. You might be surprised just how ready your higher self is to guide you to create your dreams!

Next time: Step 5 in the Creative Process

*Inspired by Paul Scheele*

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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# Letter to the Editor

# Bringing prosperity to the entire Commonwealth

Dear Karla C. Mareham: Sorry to disappoint you pumpkin, but the smallish turnout at the "rally" you think was about passing a bill was actually just a call to change the destination of some funds to the pockets of their own special interest group. This transparent attempt by a small group, almost entirely composed of NMC employees and adherents, to railroad additional funding to themselves at the expense of other constituents and other critical needs may have gone unnoticed by you (what a surprise) but certainly not by most of the rest of the adults on this island. Did I say self-interest? Yours in this case I believe.

Certainly we need to adequately fund our junior college, but is it the only priority we have in these trying times? No, it is not. Is education important? Yes, but is it the only important function of government? No, it is not. The wailing and gnashing of teeth by some of you over there grows tiresome. Playing the pay-us-more-or-we-won't-educate-your-children card grows tiresome too in light of the constant infighting and waste of funds on broken promises and broken contract payoffs at NMC. The payday sacrifices of hundreds of government workers will be doubled soon so that NMC, PSS and others can have 100 percent of their pay each payday. Think on that as you decide from under the green eye shade perspective, what is best for NMC or anywhere else.

Exactly how it is that you became an instant expert on everything eludes me. You have an idea how you would like everything to run; well, so do many others and I'm sorry to break the news to you…not everyone wants it that way. Not everyone spends their days counting pennies over at NMC and not everyone has the same narrow view of the world, Karla. Get used to it.

Here is a way you can turn that narrow perspective into a positive: Since you are in the heart of the counting house at NMC as a "budget technician" you probably already know where the skeletons are hidden. Please fess up and let the rest of us know where the real waste and unappropriated spending is. Where did all the wasteful travel money go ($635,000-plus in just one year)? How much was spent on those lavish Christmas parties? Who got the $1.8 million in unknown, unnamed and hidden "contractual services and other expenditures" categories? Just who agreed to overpay those Fernandez firing fees to lawyers and others? There's more too, isn't there? None of the above has ever been disclosed, so in the name of transparency, tell us the truth about the hidden deals.

As to whether you are a card-carrying member of the cyber squad, I would say you probably are, Karla. You have just the right churlish, petulant attitude to be counted among the pack. You have the unmistakable stench of the self-righteous pretenders so often seen in those completely predictable posts. I do congratulate you on having the occasional courage to sign a letter to the editor. That puts you a large step ahead of most of the petty thugs that crawl there.

Trying to find ways to bring prosperity to the people of the Commonwealth is what I do, Karla. I try to think of ideas that might be used to make our islands a better, richer place to live. Sometime "out of the box" possibilities are explored too. The reason representative democracy works so well is that it enables those of us elected to the task to explore those possibilities, get feedback from the voters and the community at large and put into place, not necessarily the most popular ideas, but those deemed most likely to improve the CNMI for all of us. Yes, all of the people, not just you folks over there shuffling the papers in the finance department back room at NMC. If you do or don't like a particular idea, speak out, feel free to express yourself. Better yet, if you think you have the answers get yourself elected and join us in the Legislature as we try to deal with the day-to-day challenges of making this a better place to live. It's not as easy as you might think. You will have to learn to think of all the people, though, not just your pals and co-workers.

**Rep. Stanley T. McGinnis Torres**
*17th CNMI Legislature, Capital Hill*

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲85° ▼76° | ▲87° ▼76° | ▲87° ▼78° | ▲87° ▼78° | ▲87° ▼78° |

## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼79 |
| Palau | Mostly Sunny | ▲87 | ▼78 |
| Yap | Partly Sunny | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Partly Sunny | ▲83 | ▼77 |
| Pohnpei | Rain | ▲87 | ▼74 |
| Kosrae | Rain | ▲89 | ▼76 |
| Majuro | Mostly Sunny | ▲86 | ▼76 |

## Around The Globe

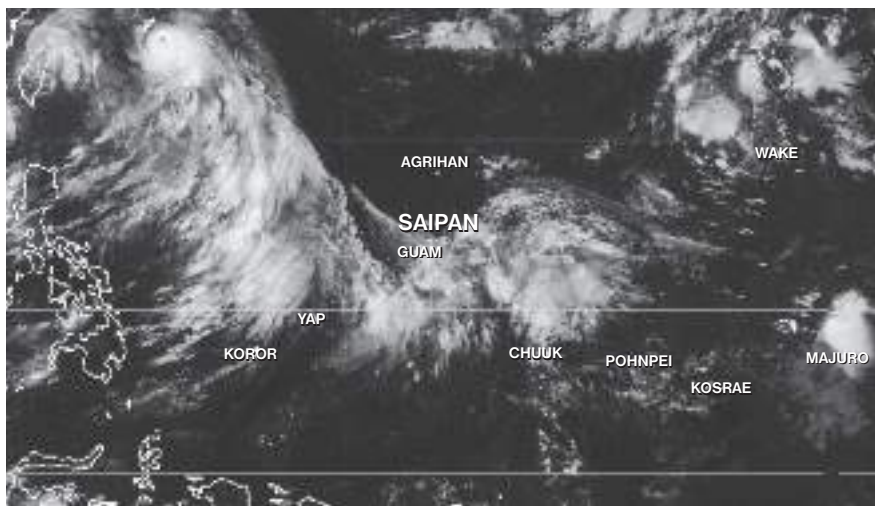
| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲59 | ▼50 |
| Beijing | Showers | ▲83 | ▼66 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲91 | ▼73 |
| Honolulu | Mostly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼74 |
| London | Mostly Sunny | ▲66 | ▼55 |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | ▲83 | ▼62 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Melbourne | Mostly Sunny | ▲59 | ▼45 |
| Miami | Partly Cloudy | ▲90 | ▼77 |
| New York | Sunny | ▲95 | ▼72 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲94 | ▼77 |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲72 | ▼53 |
| Pusan | Thundershowers | ▲86 | ▼78 |
| Rome | Partly Cloudy | ▲85 | ▼62 |
| Salem | Showers | ▲69 | ▼56 |
| San Francisco | Sunny | ▲77 | ▼64 |
| Seoul | Thunderstorms | ▲82 | ▼75 |
| Tokyo | Thundershowers | ▲90 | ▼78 |
| Washington, DC | Sunny | ▲96 | ▼74 |

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6:46 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.2 Feet |
| 1:35 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.4 Feet |
| 6:23 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.2 Feet |
| 11:47 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The center of Typhoon Kompasu (08W) is located at 23N132E or about 130 miles southeast of Okinawa. Kompasu is moving northwestward at 13 mph with maximum sustained winds of 110 mph. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of the storm. For more information on Kompasu, see bulletins issued by the joint typhoon warning center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. A monsoon trough extends southeastward from Kompasu through a weak circulation centered west of Guam at 15N136E to another weak circulation south of Guam at 11N144E then turns northeastward to end east of the Marianas near 16N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found across the Philippine Sea north of Koror and Yap west of a line stretching from 25N134E to 10N138E to 7N131E. Similar weather is also found near Guam and Rota but north of Chuuk within an area bounded by a line extending from 9N141E to 8N152E to 12N158E to 16N152E to 14N140E back to 9N141E. An upper-level low centered just west of Wake Island at 20N161E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of a line stretching from 20N160E to 18N163E to 23N170E. A surface trough extends northeastward from 6N167E through a weak circulation north of Majuro centered near 9N171E to 12N176E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near Majuro but east of Kwajalein within 100 miles of a line from 6N170E to 10N171E and east of a line from 7N177E to 12N174E.

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:04 AM | 6:30 PM |
| Thursday | 6:05 AM | 6:29 PM |
| Friday | 6:05 AM | 6:28 PM |
| Saturday | 6:05 AM | 6:27 PM |
| Sunday | 6:05 AM | 6:27 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 11:26 PM | 11:55 AM |
| Thursday | | 12:52 PM |
| Friday | 12:21 AM | 1:49 PM |
| Saturday | 1:21 AM | 2:44 PM |
| Sunday | 2:23 AM | 3:38 PM |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 29, 2010

### DEPARTURES

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09597 | 5:00am | 5:30am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09317 | 4:25am | 5:15am | Daily |
| C09313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | Daily |
| C09601 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09603 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | Daily |
| C09605 | 6:35pm | 7:25pm | Daily |
| C09599 | 9:35pm | 10:25pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:00am | 8:35am | Daily |
| DL297 | 3:20pm | 5:55pm | Daily |
| DL289 | 4:35pm | 7:10pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NAGOYA**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL640 | 7:40am | 10:20am | Daily |

**SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ119 | 4:00am | 6:40am | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:20am | 6:50am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ604 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ119 | 4:00am | 11:20am | Daily via KIX |
| OZ606 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM844 | 2:50am | 5:40am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604/701 | 2:20am | 11:25am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/701 | 2:50am | 11:25am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09317/891 | 4:25am | 9:45am | 6 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:00am | 10:10pm | Daily via NRT |
| DL640/629 | 7:40am | 10:35pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO |
| C09603/933 | 3:05pm | 8:40pm | Daily via GUM |
| C09603/893 | 3:05pm | 9:10pm | 3, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| C09599/PR111 | 9:35pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ604/721 | 2:20am | 11:45am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ604/721 | 2:50am | 11:45am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09603/909 | 3:05pm | 9:30pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09598 | 6:30pm | 7:00pm | 4, 7 |

**GUAM-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09316 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| C09596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | Daily |
| C09600 | 10:05am | 10:55am | Daily |
| C09602 | 1:40pm | 2:30pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09604 | 5:10pm | 6:00pm | Daily |
| C09606 | 8:10pm | 9:00pm | Daily |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL290 | 9:45am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:40pm | 1:10am+1 | Daily |

**NAGOYA-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL641 | 9:10pm | 1:40am+1 | Daily |

**OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ120 | 9:50pm | 2:20am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:00pm | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ605 | 9:00am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| OZ120 | 7:10pm | 2:20am+1 | Daily via KIX |
| OZ603 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ603 | 8:10pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM843 | 7:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ704/605 | 12:10am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| DL630/641 | 6:30am | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO |
| DL172/288 | 7:40am | 1:10am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| C0890/9606 | 10:55am | 9:00pm | 6 via GUM |
| OZ702/603 | 12:45pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/603 | 12:45pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/C09596 | 10:00pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| C0892/9596 | 10:10pm | 7:50am+1 | 3,5 via GUM-Palau |
| C0934/9596 | 10:55pm | 7:50am+1 | Daily via GUM |

**HONG KONG-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ724/605 | 12:30am | 2:30pm | 2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/603 | 1:15pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| C0910/9596 | 10:35pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 113 | 11:40 | 11:50 | Daily |
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

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# Business

# Americans spend a bit more as economy limps along

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Americans are spending a little more this summer, but hardly enough to rejuvenate the weakening economy.

What is needed is a bigger boost in salaries and more jobs. Economists don't see either coming this year, which is why the economy is likely to limp along.

Still, modest gains in spending were a welcome sign after a string of economic reports last week raised fears of the country slipping back into a recession.

"The consumer hasn't taken the economy back into recession," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "The consumer is still moving forward but they are doing it at a very modest pace."

Consumer spending rose 0.4 percent in July, with much of the strength coming from increased demand for autos, the Commerce Department reported Monday. It was the best showing since March, but it followed three lackluster months when spending was essentially flat.

Americans did earn a little more in July after seeing their incomes unchanged in June. Still, the 0.2 percent increase was mostly the result of small wage and salary gains that fell far below increases seen in more robust economic recoveries, economists said. And some of the gains came from a jump in Social Security payments.

Without job growth, consumers are not expected to spend much more. But the economy is growing too slowly to support sustained hiring and companies are waiting to see more demand from consumers. That has left the economy stuck in limbo.

AP

In this photo taken Aug. 26, 2010, Kim Miller shops for clothes in St. Louis. Americans are being more cautious about spending as economic conditions worsen.

Last week the government reported that the economy grew at an anemic 1.6 percent rate in the April-to-June quarter and sales of previously occupied homes fell last month to the lowest level in 15 years. A private-sector report also noted that Americans bought new homes at the weakest pace in nearly half a century.

On Monday President Barack Obama acknowledged the fragile economy while imploring Congress to pass a small business aid package when it returns next month from its summer break.

He mentioned extending Bush tax cuts due to expire this year for households making under $250,000 a year, upping the nation's investment in clean energy, rebuilding more roads and highways and tax cuts designed to keep jobs in the U.S.

"My economic team is hard at work identifying additional measures that could make a difference in both promoting growth and hiring in the short term and increasing our economy's competitiveness in the long term," he said.

Paul Dales at Capital Economics said the economy is likely to remain in a slow-growth rut for several years. He said economic growth is likely to average around 2 percent for the rest of this year and through all of 2011 and 2012 as well. That's far below the rates needed to drive the 9.5 percent unemployment rate lower.

It takes stronger growth—around 5 percent for a full year -- to drive down the unemployment rate by 1 percentage point.

"This is a pretty weak recovery coming out of a recession that was deeper and more painful that most downturns," Dales said. "That means the unemployment rate is likely to remain stuck around 9.5 percent this year and it won't fall below 9 percent for a number of years."

One area that has grown since the recession is the personal savings rate. While it slowed to 5.9 percent of after-tax income in July, it is still nearly three times higher than it was before the recession. Economists had long worried about low savings in the United States. But now they fear households have become too frugal and that is holding back consumer spending.

Economists had expected a rebound in spending for July. An earlier government report showed that retail sales rose during the month for the first time in three months.

The gain in spending reflected a 1 percent jump in demand for durable goods. About half of that increase came from a jump in auto sales, the government said.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Oil falls below $74 as global stock markets slump

**SINGAPORE** (AP)—Oil prices fell below $74 a barrel Tuesday in Asia, extending losses from the previous session as global stock markets slump after a disappointing U.S. consumer spending number. Benchmark crude for October delivery was down 71 cents to $73.99 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 47 cents to settle at $74.70 on Monday. Oil traders have been following closely global stock markets as a barometer of overall investor sentiment. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 1.4 percent Monday after the Commerce Department said consumer spending in the U.S. rose just 0.4 percent in July.

### Bernanke to address financial crisis inquiry panel

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke will testify this week about his role in the bank bailouts that sent billions of taxpayer dollars to banks deemed "too big to fail." Bernanke will testify Thursday before the bipartisan Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. The panel was created by Congress to investigate the roots of the financial panic that rocked Wall Street and the global economy starting in 2008. Bernanke and other officials considered the banks "too big to fail" because they feared the banks' failures could spread panic and bring down the broader financial system. The government rescued insolvent companies such as Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch and American International Group Inc. by brokering their sale to competitors or putting them under government control.

### 3M to acquire Cogent for about $943 million

**NEW YORK** (AP)—3M Co., the conglomerate whose products range from Post-Its to respirators, computer arms and films for LCD TV screens, is trying to expand into the security market by buying Cogent Inc. for about $943 million. Cogent develops automated systems that read finger and palm prints, and it makes iris and face recognition systems used by government, law enforcement and border patrol agencies. Cogent's board of directors already has agreed to the deal and is recommending that shareholders accept it. 3M said Monday it will pay $10.50 per share for Cogent, or nearly 18 percent above Cogent's closing price on Friday. Shares of Cogent, which is based in Pasadena, Calif., rose $2.18, or 24 percent, to $11.09.

# Updated car stickers to include environmental info

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Will your new car get an A in fuel efficiency? A government proposal may add letter grades to showroom window stickers on new cars and trucks to reflect a vehicle's overall fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions.

The Transportation Department and Environmental Protection Agency said Monday they were considering two options to upgrade the energy and environmental information that will adorn labels on new vehicles in car dealership showrooms, beginning with the 2012 model year. The government is considering a letter grade approach or updating the design of the current sticker to include comparisons of a vehicle's fuel economy and tailpipe emissions.

Consumers scan the window stickers to compare vehicles when shopping for a new car or truck. The stickers have not been updated significantly in three decades and the government wants the labels to reflect emerging vehicle technologies and account for greenhouse gas emissions affecting the environment.

"From electric to plug-in hybrid vehicles, we think a new label is absolutely necessary to help consumers make the right decision for their wallet and for the environment," said Gina McCarthy, the EPA's top air pollution official. The changes are required under a 2007 energy law.

Under the letter grade proposal, an average vehicle on fuel efficiency and emissions would receive a B-. Electric vehicles would receive an A+, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles would earn an A and three gas-electric hybrids—the Ford Fusion Hybrid, Honda Civic Hybrid and Toyota Prius—would get an A-.

The best-selling passenger car in America, the Toyota Camry, would receive a B or a B-, depending on the vehicle's engine. Hybrid versions of the Camry would earn a B+. The top-selling pickup truck, the Ford F-150, would receive a C+ or a C, based on the engine variant.

Luxury models such as the Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorana and the Mercedes-Benz Maybach 57 would get a D+ and the Ferrari 612 Scaglietti would receive the lowest grade of D under the plan.

Automakers questioned the proposed letter grades, saying it might affect sales. Gloria Bergquist, a spokeswoman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, said "the letter grade inadvertently suggests a value judgment, taking us back to school days where grades were powerful symbols of passing or failing." She said a broad range of vehicle technologies were needed to improve fuel efficiency.

# Intel buys wireless chip tech in mobile-phone push

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—As the world's biggest maker of computer chips, Intel Corp. can't afford to ignore its huge blind spot in mobile phones.

Eighty percent of today's personal computers use Intel processors. But Intel is absent in smart phones, which are threatening PCs as gateways to the Internet. One reason is that Intel still doesn't have good ways to design chips to use less power, so Intel's products drain batteries more quickly—something smart-phone makers won't tolerate.

The dynamic has put Intel at risk of missing out on the next great opportunity for semiconductor companies. That is why Intel has decided to buy the wireless-chip division of Germany's Infineon Technologies AG for $1.4 billion. With it, Intel gets the chips used in Apple Inc.'s popular iPhone.

The all-cash deal, announced Monday, is an acknowledgment that Intel has missed the boat on mobile phones, and it gives the company an opportunity to correct its course.

The challenge is similar to the one Microsoft Corp. is facing with Google Inc. as software is increasingly being delivered over the Internet instead of being stored on PCs, the way Microsoft has long approached it. Like Microsoft, Intel is the undisputed leader in a market that's under attack from a fast-rising force from the outside.

## STOCK PORTFOLIO

## LEADING INDICATORS

| DOW | S&P | NASDAQ |
|---|---|---|
| 10,009.73 | 1,048.92 | 2,119.97 |
| -140.92 | -15.67 | -33.66 |
| -1.39% | -1.47% | -1.56% |

## EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australian Dollar | 1.1211 | Hong Kong Dollar | 7.7805 | Philippine Peso | 45.2950 |
| British Pound | 0.6476 | Indian Rupee | 47.0450 | Singapore Dollar | 1.3570 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.0603 | Indonesian Rupiah | 9,055.0 | South Korean Won | 1,195.0 |
| Chinese Yuan | 6.7990 | Japanese Yen | 84.1850 | Swiss Franc | 1.0246 |
| Euro | 0.7912 | Malaysian Ringgit | 3.1493 | Taiwan Dollar | 32.0365 |
| | | New Zealand Dollar | 1.4273 | Thailand Baht | 31.3000 |

# Nation

OBAMA'S GOAL:

## End Iraq war, win Mideast peace

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Firmly and finally ending the U.S. combat mission in Iraq, President Barack Obama will have but a moment before trying to hasten peace nearby between Israelis and Palestinians. Left unclear is whether winding down the war that inflamed Arab passions will do anything to help long-shot Mideast talks.

From the Oval Office, a setting designed to command gravity and attention, Obama will declare Tuesday night that Iraqis are now the ones in charge of a war he had opposed. Within hours on Wednesday, he will be immersed in talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, underscoring the hopeful but precarious U.S. role as a middleman.

The White House is framing the two events as commitments kept by the president. But there is little excitement buzz and certainly no bold promises that capping the combat mission in Iraq will prod broader peace in the Middle East.

Tuesday night, Obama's emphasis will be to thank the troops and explain why the fight goes on in Afghanistan and beyond—and not so much about the potential for Iraq to be "a beacon of liberty in the Middle East" as President George W. Bush put it.

Obama

In a narrow sense, the peace talks convened by the White House have little to do with Iraq. The Middle East stalemate has to do with the borders of a potential Palestinian state, the fate of Palestinian refugees, the status of Jerusalem, the security of Israel—and trust on both sides. Making progress on those points, not the Iraq war, is at the core of renewed talks between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Writ large, however, the fate of Iraq is indeed tied to prospects for peace for its neighbors in the region.

"There is no direct connection between the two issues, but I think together they tell the same story: the limits of U.S. power," said Marina Ottaway, director of the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "The U.S. can only go so far, and then it's in the hands of the regional actors."

Much depends on whether Iraq's leaders can form a lasting government, whether Iran will seek to exert added influence with a smaller U.S. presence in Iraq, and whether the United States will be perceived as the country that responsibly turned power back to Iraq or the one that left before the job was done.

"The more that Iraq emerges as a stable state after the Americans withdraw, the greater the chance for progress in the Middle East, the more it creates a stable environment for the peace process to move forward," said Robert Danin, an expert on Israeli-Palestinian affairs and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "To the extent that there's bloodshed and instability in Iraq, that makes it harder for people to focus on peacemaking."

For now, a presidential speech about the changing of the U.S. mission in Iraq is as close to closure as the people of the United States will get.

All troops will not come home until the end of 2011 at the latest. The United States will still keep tens of thousands in a dangerous Iraq for support and counterterrorism missions in the meantime. More Americans are likely to die. As Obama has said: "We have not seen the end of American sacrifice in Iraq."

## NYC's community board head wants interfaith center

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The chairwoman of the community board that voted for an Islamic center and mosque near ground zero said she believes adding an interfaith dimension would help unite people, saying a nondenominational chapel built at the Pentagon as part of a Sept. 11 memorial did just that.

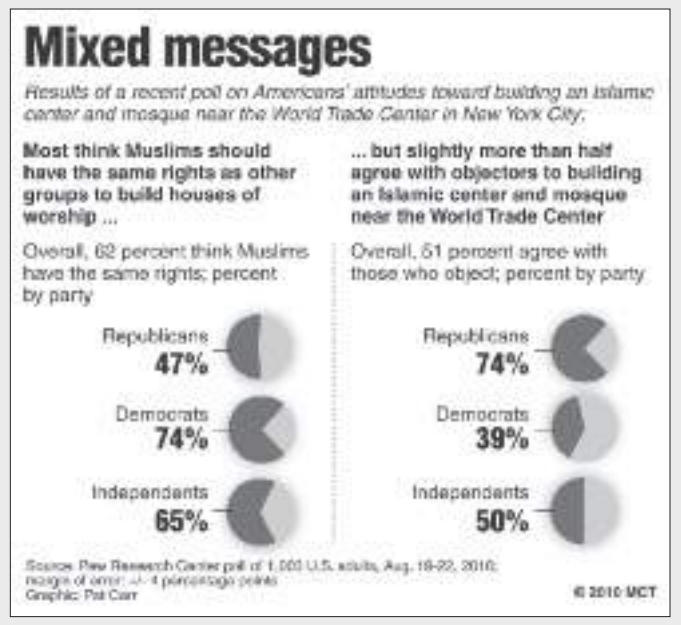
Julie Menin, of Manhattan Community Board 1, reiterated Monday that she supports the project going up in the proposed location two blocks north of the World Trade Center site and that it contain a mosque as developers plan. But she suggested another section of the community center be turned into an interfaith, nondenominational area for people of all religious backgrounds.

"What it could do is it could really get to the heart of the matter of making this project one that brings people together," she said.

Community Board 1 had voted overwhelmingly in May to support the Islamic center. Opponents argue it's insensitive to families and memories of Sept. 11 victims to build a mosque so close to where Islamic extremists flew planes into the World Trade Center and killed nearly 2,800 people, while proponents support it as a reflection of religious freedom and diversity.

Menin said that she encouraged the project's organizers at the time to step back, reach out to Sept. 11 families and even hold a town hall meeting to discuss the issue but they made their own decisions on how to proceed.

Now, she said, "unfortunately what has happened is people's views have become hardened."


Mixed messages
Results of a recent poll on Americans' attitudes toward building an Islamic center and mosque near the World Trade Center in New York City:
Most think Muslims should have the same rights as other groups to build houses of worship ...
Overall, 62 percent think Muslims have the same rights; percent by party
Republicans 47%
Democrats 74%
Independents 65%
... but slightly more than half agree with objectors to building an Islamic center and mosque near the World Trade Center
Overall, 51 percent agree with those who object; percent by party
Republicans 74%
Democrats 39%
Independents 50%
Source: Pew Research Center poll of 1,003 U.S. adults, Aug. 18-22, 2010; margin of error: +/- 4 percentage points
Graphic: Pat Carr
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## US grapples with bedbugs, misuse of pesticides

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (AP)—A resurgence of bedbugs across the U.S. has homeowners and apartment dwellers taking desperate measures to eradicate the tenacious bloodsuckers, with some relying on dangerous outdoor pesticides and fly-by-night exterminators.

The problem has gotten so bad that the Environmental Protection Agency warned this month against the indoor use of chemicals meant for the outside. The agency also warned of an increase in pest control companies and others making "unrealistic promises of effectiveness or low cost."

Bedbugs, infesting U.S. households on a scale unseen in more than a half-century, have become largely resistant to common pesticides. As a result, some homeowners and exterminators are turning to more hazardous chemicals that can harm the central nervous system, irritate the skin and eyes or even cause cancer.

Ohio authorities, struggling against widespread infestations in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and other cities, are pleading with EPA to approve the indoor use of the pesticide propoxur, which the agency considers a probable carcinogen and banned for in-home use in 2007. About 25 other states are supporting Ohio's request for an emergency exemption.

The EPA rejected the request in June but said it would consider new information on it. An agency spokesman, Dale Kemery, said the EPA has pledged to find new, potent chemicals to kill bedbugs, which can cause itchy, red bites that can become infected if scratched.

In the meantime, authorities around the country have blamed house fires on people misusing all sorts of highly flammable garden and lawn chemicals to fight bedbugs. Experts also warn that some hardware products—bug bombs, cedar oil and other natural oils—claim to be lethal but merely cause the bugs to scatter out of sight and hide in cracks in walls and floors.

A pest control company in Newark, N.J., was accused in July of applying chemicals not approved for indoor use throughout 70 homes and apartments units, even spraying mattresses and children's toys. No illnesses were reported.

In Cincinnati, an unlicensed applicator saturated an apartment complex in June with an agricultural pesticide typically used on golf courses. Seven tenants got sick and were treated at the hospital. The property was quarantined, and all tenants were forced to move. Authorities are pursuing criminal charges.

"When you see the anguish that bedbugs cause these people, it's understandable why they might take things into their own hands, and some of it is very dangerous," said Michael Potter, an entomologist at the University of Kentucky and one of the country's leading bedbug experts.

Bedbug resurgence
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has pulled many of the chemicals effective in eradicating bedbugs off the market, is looking into how to respond to the largest outbreak since World War II.
Tiny blood-suckers
Photo by Piotr Naskrecki from the CDC
An adult female bedbug in the process of ingesting a blood meal
1 in. (2.5 cm)
Color Light reddish-brown, darker just after feeding
Appearance Oval, flat, flightless, six legs
Size Adults can be about 1/4 in. (.6 cm)
Bite Releases an anticoagulant to get blood flowing; excretes a numbing agent so bites don't often wake victims
A female bedbug lays about 200 eggs during her life span at a rate of one to 12 eggs per day; within six to 17 days, bedbug nymphs emerge from the eggs; after approximately 10 weeks, the nymphs reach maturity
What to look for
• Itchy red welts in the morning that weren't there the night before
• Dark spotting on mattress, box springs and bed frames from bedbug fecal matter
• Spots of blood on sheets and mattress
How to avoid
• Examine secondhand furniture and luggage after trips
• Check hotel beds for dark spots, place luggage on a rack instead of on the floor when traveling
What to do
• Experts say professional exterminators, with several follow-up visits, may be needed
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Source: AP, U.S. National Pest Management Association, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Graphic: Minneapolis Star Tribune

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Source: Suspicious luggage sparks questioning

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Two men on a United Airlines flight from Chicago to Amsterdam were questioned by Dutch authorities after U.S. officials found a cell phone taped to a Pepto Bismol bottle and a knife and box cutter in checked luggage connected with the men, a law enforcement official said. The official identified the men as Ahmed Mohamed Nasser al Soofi and Hezam al Murisi. Al Soofi had a Michigan address, the official said, but it was not immediately clear where the two men were from. As of Monday night, FBI agents had visited the southwest Detroit neighborhood where several addresses were found for variations of al Soofi's name, according to neighbors who declined to give their names to The Associated Press. ABC News, which first reported the incident Monday, said al Soofi was from Detroit and that both he and al Murisi were charged in the Netherlands with "preparation of a terrorist attack," but U.S. officials would not confirm that.

#### NC farm produces emerald shaped into massive gem

**RALEIGH, N.C.** (AP)—An emerald so large it's being compared with the crown jewels of Russian empress Catherine the Great was pulled from a pit near corn rows at a North Carolina farm. The nearly 65-carat emerald its finders are marketing by the name Carolina Emperor was pulled from a farm once so well known among treasure hunters that the owners charged $3 a day to shovel for small samples of the green stones. After the gem was cut and re-cut, the finished product was about one-fifth the weight of the original find, making it slightly larger than a U.S. quarter and about as heavy as a AA battery. The emerald compares in size and quality to one surrounded by diamonds in a brooch once owned by Catherine the Great, who was empress in the 18th century, that Christie's auction house in New York sold in April for $1.65 million, said C.R. "Cap" Beesley, a New York gemologist who examined the stone.

#### Police work to find motive in mass Ariz. shooting

**LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz.** (AP)—The sole survivor in a weekend shooting that left five people dead in western Arizona was in fair condition Monday, and authorities are hopeful she can help explain what led up to the slayings. Deborah Nyland was transported Sunday to Sunrise Medical Center in Las Vegas, where she remained a day later, according to a hospital spokeswoman. The 44-year-old called 911 just before midnight Saturday to report an intruder had shot several people in a Lake Havasu City home. Authorities say Brian Diez, 26, entered the home and fatally shot five people—including the mother of his two children and her boyfriend—before fleeing with the kids to Southern California, where he killed himself.

# Asia

# RP counts cost of China's fury at deaths

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Tens of thousands of people have marched in Hong Kong to denounce the Philippines. Thousands of tourists canceled flight and hotel bookings. Two Chinese recipients of Asia's most prestigious award failed to show up for the Manila ceremony.

After a violent hostage drama that killed eight tourists from Hong Kong, Asian powerhouse China is angry and the Philippines can do little to restore calm.

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**MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Hong Kong forensic experts inspected the bullet-peppered bus in which a hijacker was accused of killing eight tourists in Manila last week, as the Philippines worked to calm China's outrage over the bloodshed.**

**Anger has been rising in Hong Kong since the Aug. 23 carnage in which a disgruntled former Philippine police officer took the busload of tourists from the Chinese territory hostage in a bid to win back his job. Authorities' mishandling of the crisis seemed to enrage the hostage taker, who shot at the tourists before being killed by a police sharpshooter.**

**Eight of the tourists died. At a march Sunday in Hong Kong, people denounced the Philippines and demanded justice for the dead.**

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Barely two months into his presidency that promised to rid the Philippines of corrupt and incompetent officials, President Benigno Aquino III asked for China's forgiveness while vowing that "someone will pay" for the embarrassing official handling of the 11-hour hostage-taking Aug. 23 that unfolded live on television.

The gunman, a dismissed policeman demanding his job back, was accused of killing the eight tourists before police snipers finished him off. Survivors said he became enraged after watching on TV inside the bus as police handcuffed his brother for interfering in the negotiations.

"Bring out the truth. Let those responsible, whoever they may be, be held accountable. No whitewash. No scapegoats," Manila Auxiliary Bishop Broderick Pabillo said in a memorial service held with Buddhist monks Tuesday at the site of the carnage in a historic Manila park.

As Aquino assured Chinese officials of a thorough investigation that is expected to take two to three weeks, China's fury took its toll. Flag carrier Philippine Airlines and budget airline Cebu Pacific reported more than 1,000 cancelations from the Chinese territory of Hong Kong alone.

"It created a domino effect," said PAL spokeswoman Cielo Villaluna. "We are hoping that the situation will be temporary."

AP

Roman Catholic Bishop Broderick Pabillo, fourth from right, and other priests, bless the site where eight Hong Kong tourists were killed in a nearly 12-hour bus hostage standoff on Aug. 23, 2010, involving a dismissed police officer, at Manila's Rizal Park in the Philippines, Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010.

# NKorea confirms Kim's not-so-secret trip to China

Kim

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—After Kim Jong Il's safe return, North Korea confirmed what for days had been clear: the Dear Leader was on a not-so-secret trip to northeastern China.

Kim hobnobbed with top Chinese officials, including President Hu Jintao, toured factories and paid a nostalgic trip down Kim family memory lane, according to Chinese and North Korean state media—vpossibly, rumor had it, accompanied by the son many believe is being groomed to succeed him as North Korea's next leader.

There was no sign of Kim Jong Un, the 20-something son said to be in his favor, and there was no mention of him in either nation's dispatches about the five-day trip that ended Monday and was shrouded in typical secrecy.

Still, signs that the North Korean regime is laying the groundwork for a succession movement abounded in the 68-year-old Kim's pointedly patriotic and strategic trip by train through northeastern China.

China remains North Korea's chief ally and benefactor, supplier of troops when the Korean War broke out 60 years ago and its main source of aid to this day. Beijing's continued good will is crucial for North Korea since its ailing economy is unable to provide enough food for its people. China provides food assistance and nearly all of North Korea's oil, and much of Pyongyang's trade, passes through China.

China is also the place where North Korea founder Kim Il Sung, father of the current leader, sowed his revolutionary roots as a budding guerrilla fighter when his family fled the Japanese occupation of Korea in the 1920s.

Just hours after the announcement that the trip had taken place, the U.S. government expanded sanctions against North Korea on Monday by freezing assets of individuals, companies and organizations allegedly linked to support for Pyongyang's nuclear program.

# 8 coalition troops killed in south Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Roadside bombs killed eight members of the international force in Afghanistan—including seven U.S. troops—raising to more than a dozen the number who have died in the previous three days, NATO said Tuesday.

The spike in deaths in the three days through Monday came as President Hamid Karzai again publicly raised doubts about the U.S. strategy in the war, saying success cannot be achieved until more Afghans are in the front lines and insurgent sanctuaries in Pakistan are shut down.

NATO gave no details of the Monday blasts except that they occurred in the south, the main theater of the conflict, and that five were killed in a single blast. The nationality of the eighth casualty, announced early Tuesday, was not given.

Witnesses said the five died when a bomb struck a Humvee on a main road on the outskirts of Kandahar, the focus of a continuing military campaign to secure the city that the Taliban used as their headquarters during their years in power. The attackers apparently targeted the Humvee because it was not as heavily armored as other vehicles in the convoy.

Later Monday, a pair of rockets were fired at the Kandahar offices of the U.N. mission in Afghanistan. One fell short and slightly wounded a guard. The other overshot the compound and exploded in an empty field, police said.

U.S. death tolls for August had been running well behind those of the previous two months that set monthly records—60 in June and 66 in July. But 14 Americans have been killed in the last three days, raising the U.S. toll for the month to 49, most of them in the south.

NATO commanders have warned that casualties will mount as coalition and Afghan forces enter areas that have been under longtime Taliban control. The NATO force swelled this month to more than 140,000—including 120,000 Americans—with the arrival of the last of the reinforcements that President Barack Obama ordered to Afghanistan in a bid to turn the tide of the nearly 9-year war.

With death tolls rising, Karzai has become more outspoken in his criticism of the U.S.-led war effort, telling recent visitors that the American counterinsurgency strategy is flawed.

Most recently, he told the visiting speaker of the German parliament that the campaign against the Taliban over the last eight years had been "ineffective apart from causing civilian casualties," according to a statement by the presidential media office.

The statement quoted Karzai as saying Afghan forces should take the lead in efforts to win support from deeply conservative Afghan villagers who harbor suspicion of outsiders. That appears at odds with the strategy pursued by the top NATO commander, Gen. David Petraeus, which calls for U.S. troops to live closer to villagers to win their trust and protect them from the Taliban.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Historic city in south Pakistan saved from floods

**THATTA, Pakistan** (AP)—Thousands of people streamed back to this historic southern city where new levees hastily built from clay and stone held back floodwaters that have inundated much of Pakistan. But thousands who fled the waters that inundated neighboring towns complained Monday about the shortage of food and water as they camped in a vast Muslim graveyard on a hill near Thatta city. Hordes of people ran after vehicles distributing food and water near the graveyard, a chaotic effort that left many flood survivors—especially the old and infirm—with nothing. Some drank rainwater pooled on the ground.

### Thai teacher caught on cell phone caning students

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Secretly recorded cell phone footage has exposed a teacher at a Catholic boarding school in northeastern Thailand who whacked dozens of students on the buttocks with a cane wrapped with electrical wire. Art teacher Somchai Limthanmaporn was fired after he was exposed hitting at least 40 students, according to Nongkran Prathumtri, an administrator at St. Mary's School in the northeastern province of Nakhon Ratchasima. She said the school would not defend him. The footage of last week's canings was aired Monday on Thai television. Parents of the students at St. Mary's have already filed complaints with police over the beatings, meted out as punishment to students who failed to clean their living quarters.

# World

# Drilling begins in effort to free Chilean miners

**SAN JOSE MINE, Chile** (AP)—An enormous drill began preliminary work Monday on carving a half-mile chimney through solid rock to free the 33 men trapped in a Chilean mine, their ordeal now having equaled the longest known survival in an underground disaster.

The 31-ton drill bored 50 feet into the rock, the first step in the weeklong digging of a "pilot hole" to guide the way for the rescue. Later the drill will be outfitted with larger bits to expand the hole and pull the men through—a process that could take four months.

The men were trapped Aug. 5 in the San Jose mine in Chile's northern Atacama Desert. Before rescuers dug bore holes to reach them, they survived 17 days without contact with the outside world by rationing a 48-hour supply of food and digging for water in the ground.

Only three miners who survived 25 days trapped in a flooded mine in southern China last year are known to have survived underground as long. Few other rescues have taken more than two weeks.

With Chilean officials saying the men could remain underground for another four months before the rescue hole is completed, the ordeal will be an unprecedented challenge for rescuers, but they have the tools to be successful.

AP

This TV grab taken from a video released Sunday Aug. 29, 2010 by Chile's Government shows some of 33 trapped miners the San Jose mine in Copiapo, Chile, Saturday Aug. 28, 2010.

"The drill operators have the best equipment available internationally," said Dave Feickert, director of KiaOra, a mine safety consulting firm in New Zealand, who has worked extensively with China's government to improve dangerous mines there.

"This doesn't mean it will be easy," he added. "They are likely to run into some technical problems that may slow them down."

In addition, a union leader has expressed concern for the men's livelihoods. San Esteban, the company that operates the mine, has said it has no money to pay their wages and absorb lawsuits, and is not even participating in the rescue. State-run mining company Codelco has taken over.

Union leader Evelyn Olmos called on the government to pay the workers' wages starting in September, plus cover the roughly 100 other people at the mine who are now out of work and 170 more who work elsewhere for San Esteban. Its license has been suspended by the government.

"We want the government to pay our salaries in full until our comrades are freed and then pay our severances," said Olmos.

Mining Minister Laurence Golborne said the government was prohibited by labor laws from assuming responsibility for the salaries. He said it was up to the mining company and would have to be worked out in Chilean courts.

Golborne noted the extraordinary circumstances of the mine collapse but pointed out there are many other Chileans who lack a job and said the government cannot be responsible for all of them.

Union leaders and others blame the government in part for the San Jose accident because the mine had been cited for safety violations in the past but was allowed to continue operating.

In 2007, executives were charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of a miner. The worker's family settled and the mine was closed until it could comply with safety rules, said Sen. Baldo Prokurica, who has long called for tougher regulations.

# Mexico says drug lord 'the Barbie' captured

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—Federal police on Monday captured a long-sought, alleged Texas-born gang kingpin who faces drug trafficking charges in the U.S. and has been blamed for a vicious turf war that has included bodies hung from bridges and shootouts in central Mexico.

The announcement came just hours after the government said nearly 10 percent of the federal police force has been fired this year as part of a campaign to root out corruption.

The arrest of Edgar Valdez Villarreal, alias "the Barbie," was the culmination of yearlong intelligence operations, said Alejandro Poire, the government's security spokesman.

"This capture constitutes a blow of great impact against organized crime," Poire said.

President Felipe Calderon also announced the capture on Twitter, calling Valdez "one of the most-wanted criminals in Mexico and abroad." Calderon said operations to bring down this trafficking gang will continue.

Valdez, 37, was captured in the state of Mexico, which borders the capital of Mexico City, the Public Safety Department said in a statement.

AP

In this image released by Mexico's Public Safety Department on Monday Aug. 30, 2010, Edgar Valdez Villarreal, alias "the Barbie," is escorted by police officers in the state of Mexico, which borders the capital, Mexico City.

It was accompanied by a photograph of Valdez—whose fair skin and blue eyes earned him his nickname—sporting stubble as he kneels on the ground, a police officer's hand on his shoulder.

Poire said the government would release further details Tuesday on the operation that led to the capture.

Valdez—the third major drug lord brought down by Mexico's security forces in less than a year—was charged in May in U.S. District Court in Atlanta with distributing thousands of pounds of cocaine from Mexico to the eastern U.S. from 2004 to 2006.

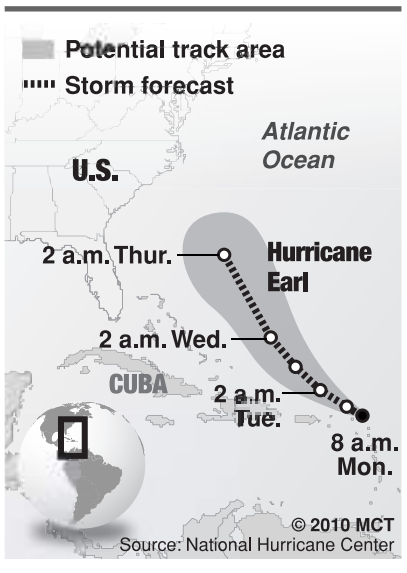
U.S. authorities had offered a reward of up to $2 million for information leading to his capture, and the Mexican government offered a similar amount.

There was no word from Mexican authorities on any extradition plans.

Mexican authorities say Valdez has been battling for control of the Beltran Leyva cartel since its leader, Arturo Beltran Leyva, was killed in a December shootout with marines in Cuernavaca, a favorite weekend getaway south of the Mexican capital.

The fight against Hector Beltran Leyva—a brother of Arturo—has made a battleground of what was once a relatively peaceful pocket of the country and brought the drug war ever closer to Mexico City. Their fight has spread westward toward the resort city of Acapulco.

The U.S. State Department says Valdez headed a group of assassins for the Beltran Levya gang. He "is the person most responsible for pushing the battle into central and southern Mexico," the department says on its website.




# Earl batters Caribbean, threatens US East Coast

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** (AP)—Hurricane Earl battered tiny islands across the northeastern Caribbean with heavy rain and roof-ripping winds Monday, rapidly intensifying into a major Category 4 storm on a path projected to menace the United States.

Already dangerous with sustained winds of 135 mph (215 kph), Earl is expected to gain more strength before potentially brushing the U.S. East Coast this week and bringing deadly rip currents.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami warned coastal residents from North Carolina to Maine to watch the storm closely.

"Any small shift in the track could dramatically alter whether it makes landfall or whether it remains over the open ocean," said Wallace Hogsett, a meteorologist at the center. "I can't urge enough to just stay tuned."

In the Caribbean, Earl caused flooding in low-lying areas and damaged homes on islands including Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla and St. Maarten. Several countries and territories reported power outages. Cruise ships were diverted and flights canceled across the region.

"We are getting a battering with wind and rain," said Martin Gussie, a police officer in Anguilla. Several utility poles were down and a couple of roofs had blown away, and it was still too dangerous to go out and assess the full extent of damage, he said.

The storm's center passed just north of the British Virgin Islands on Monday afternoon. It was gradually moving away from the Caribbean and was forecast to approach the U.S. Mid-Atlantic region around Thursday, before curving back out to sea, potentially swiping New England or far-eastern Canada.

The Hurricane Center said it was too early to say what effect Earl would have in the U.S., but warned it could at least kick up dangerous rip currents.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Gunman kills 7, wounds 15 in Slovakia

**BRATISLAVA, Slovakia** (AP)—A gunman went on a rampage in Slovakia's capital on Monday, killing seven people and wounding 15, then committed suicide, officials said. Five of the people killed were members of a Roma family who lived in an apartment where the man began his attack with a machine gun and two pistols, said Interior Minister Daniel Lipsic. Roma, also known as Gypsies, often face discrimination in eastern Europe, but Lipsic and police chief Jaroslav Spisiak said the unidentified gunman's motive was not known. Another man shot and killed outside the building was "probably" also a member of the same family, Lipsic said. "So far we don't know the motive ... so I will not speculate whether it did or did not have (a) racial motive," he told reporters. "I doubt it, but of course the investigation is ongoing."

### Farmer-turned-hunger striker dies in Venezuela

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—A Venezuelan farmer who staged repeated hunger strikes to protest a government-sanctioned takeover of his farm has died in a military hospital in Caracas. Franklin Brito's family announced his death on Monday night. The 49-year-old Brito's emaciated figure had in recent months become a banner for opponents of President Hugo Chavez who joined the family in accusing the government of violating his rights. Brito was kept in recent months in Caracas' military hospital. His brother, Hector Brito, said at the hospital on Monday night that the family had asked for Brito's body to be turned over and had been told they had to wait until morning.

Focus

# Silk's dark side

## Uzbek kids made to grow cocoons

**KOKAND, Uzbekistan (AP)—For one month a year, from morning to night, Dilorom Nishanova grows silkworms, a painstaking and exhausting job. She has been doing it since she was 8.**

AP

**Family members clean silkworm cocoons in Kokand, Uzbekistan on Saturday, June 23, 2009. The silkworm business dates back centuries to the Silk Road that ran through this Central Asian country. But its modern-day incarnation as a state monopoly has a dark side. Farmers say they are threatened with fines or loss of their land leases for missing quotas, and that these are so high that they have no choice but to draft their children into the work.**

Uzbekistan's authoritarian government insists that it has banned child labor but Nishanova, now 15, hasn't heard about it. She and her siblings, aged 9 to 17, think it's perfectly natural to be helping their father grow silkworms, as well as cotton and wheat.

"We just help our parents," she said, her braided dark hair covered with a traditional Muslim scarf. "That's what children have to do, right?"

Not so, say Uzbek rights groups. They say children should not be laborers, especially in May, the silkworm breeding season, which happens to fall during school exams.

The silkworm business dates back centuries to the Silk Road that ran through this Central Asian country. Kokand, the town in the fertile Ferghana Valley where Dilorom's family farms, is also the Uzbek word for "cocoon." Kokand was the destination of the first westbound Chinese caravan carrying silk in 121 B.C. that started the fabled trade route.

But its modern-day incarnation as a state monopoly has a dark side. Farmers say they are threatened with fines or loss of their land leases for missing quotas, and these quotas are so high that they have no choice but to draft their children into the work.

The use of child labor in Uzbek cotton-picking has been widely documented, and Walmart and several other U.S. chain stores won't stock it. But the silk industry has largely escaped international scrutiny.

Its annual revenues are tiny compared with the $1 billion cotton industry, but the government prizes silk as a link—and tourist draw—to the glory days of the Silk Road.

It also considers silk an export item that must be state-controlled—like the exports of cotton, gold, peregrine falcons and the pelts of newborn lambs.

Uzbekistan's silk production accounts for less than 5 percent of the world total, and is dwarfed by China's. But proportionately it's the world's highest—almost a kilogram (two pounds) per head of a population of 27 million. Kakhhor Yavkashtiyev, head of the silk growing department at the Agriculture Ministry, says 90 percent of Uzbekistan's 2 million farmers are involved in the annual harvest.

"Children are not involved, only adults are," he said in an interview.

Those assurances ring hollow on the country's farms. Umurzak Kayumov, a 51-year-old farmer from the village of Naiman near the eastern city of Namangan, says his children and grandchildren all help during cocoon season.

"We suffer for 25 days, from 4 a.m. until midnight," he said.

In Kokand, the high-intensity job of raising silkworms becomes evident from talking to Dilorom and her family.

Her father, Adkham, a bony 42-year-old, farms four hectares (10 acres) of loamy land. In early May, he said, an officials from a state-owned nursery handed him two 30-gram (one-ounce) boxes of silkworm eggs to be nurtured into some 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of cocoons.

Within four weeks of hatching, silkworms grow 10,000 times their original, poppy-seed size. Their creamy stomachs turn greenish from their exclusive diet of mulberry leaves, and they need constant attention.

"They're as helpless as newborn babies," Dilorom said.

They feed seven times a day and die if their meal is an hour late. Dead ones must be removed promptly lest they infect the others swarming among the fresh mulberry twigs that Dilorom has risen at dawn to gather.

Sensitive to light, noise and breeze, the silkworms grow up in a humid barn next to the family's dilapidated adobe house. Their munching sounds like the patter of raindrops.

Speaking of this year's season, Dilorom recalled: "We worked hard, had to miss some classes. Just like many other kids in school."

"In some schools, they raise silkworms as part of their home economics class," said Khaitboy Yakubov of Najot, a rights group in the western city of Urgench.

For the farmers and their children, "silk farming opens an annual cycle of forced labor and abuse by authorities," said Ganikhon Mamatkhonov, a rights activist who investigated numerous cases of abuse of Uzbek farmers.

The risks these advocates run are considerable. Months after Mamatkhonov spoke to the AP in May 2009, he was jailed for five years on bribery charges—one of dozens of government critics imprisoned in recent years. Mamatkhonov's colleagues say he was framed.

Underage labor is not limited to Uzbekistan's silk industry—it has also been exposed in India's silk industry. But this former Soviet republic seems unique in the lengths to which it goes to keep the silk spinning.

Yavkashtiyev of the Agriculture Ministry acknowledges that local authorities prescribe quotas based on farm size. A farmer with 50 to 60 hectares (120 to 150 acres) "must harvest two or three tons of raw cocoons," he said.

Artificial substitutes such as viscose and nylon have greatly diminished demand for real silk, but it remains a material associated with luxury and style, and has medicinal and military uses such as parachutes.

The most recent available figures, from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, put Uzbekistan's silk earnings at $57 million in 2005 from 17,000 tons of raw cocoons.

This month, Uzbek media put the harvest at 25,200 metric tons.

Silk-growing nations such as South Korea and Japan have switched to less labor-intensive mulberry bushes and mechanized leaf harvest. But Uzbek authorities prefer to "follow the old school, where big mulberry trees are utilized for feeding silkworms," says Hisham Greiss, a Chicago-based expert on silk farming.

And they are relentless. Sukhrobjon Ismoilov of the Expert Working Group, an independent think tank based in the capital, Tashkent, says local officials threaten to annul land leases, delay payments through government-affiliated banks, and even resort to physical abuse.

Although Soviet-era collective farms were disbanded after Uzbekistan became independent in 1991, their land was never privatized, which leaves farmers in constant fear of sanctions and even court convictions for not meeting quotas for cotton, grain and silk cocoons, rights groups say. The Najot group said at least 20 farmers were jailed for up to several years in 2009 alone.

"Farmers and agricultural workers earn low wages, which the state seldom pays on a regular basis," said a 2009 U.S. State Department report on Uzbekistan. "The government controls the agriculture sector, dictates what farms grow, and buys directly from the farmers to sell abroad."

Uzbek Ipagi, the state-run monopoly, exports Uzbek silk to China, India, South Korea and Western Europe. Some stays in Uzbekistan to be woven into scarves or rugs at small factories and mainly sold to tourists.

They rarely reach Western stores. "I never saw any silk garment with a tag 'Made in Uzbekistan'" in U.S. stores," Greiss said.

Several joint ventures process Uzbek silk, but Western investment here is limited, and the companies keep a low profile.

Rustam Zakhidov, director general of Silver Silk, an Uzbek-British joint venture, said his company sells silk ribbons and thread worth $1.5 million a year to India, Vietnam, China and Turkey. He would not identify his British partners.

In 2009, the Uzbek Ipagi monopoly sold cocoons for about $6 a kilogram ($2.70 a pound)- or almost eight times what it paid the farmers, and even that money isn't guaranteed, say the farmers, who complain that payment can be delayed for months, even years.

Pointing to the dry mulberry twigs in his yard, farmer Kayumov said: "All we have left is firewood for the winter."

# Campus Life

## There's a college club for that?

By STEPHANIE STEINBERG
USA TODAY

Want to feed squirrels, transform into a zombie or use science to whip up bacon-flavored cotton candy?

Forget chess club. College students today are attracted to clubs with activities that are more innovative—maybe even downright wacky.

College experts say students who participate in extracurricular activities are more engaged in the college experience, and benefits can be seen both in and outside the classroom.

Students who participate in co-curricular activities study more, have higher grade-point averages and are more satisfied with their social lives, says Kevin Kruger of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

The average student participates in two campus activities, according to a 2009 NASPA report, which surveyed more than 14,000 students from 35 U.S. colleges and universities. Students who attend smaller colleges tend to become involved in more organizations, the report says.

Joining clubs is one of many ways students network and develop lasting friendships, says John Gardner, president of the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education and author of *Your College Experience: Strategies for Success.*

David Bebeau, 20, founded the Humans vs. Zombies club at the University of Wisconsin in 2009. Bebeau describes Humans vs. Zombies, which has become popular on campuses across the country, as a "massive game of tag." Players are split into two groups; humans who are tagged by zombies become zombies themselves, and the game ends when the last human is tagged.

As many as 300 students play the weeklong game that goes on 24/7. Bebeau says the club brings together a diverse group of students who wouldn't otherwise interact.

"We get athletes with the hardest of the hard-core nerds, and people who would never actually play together have become very good friends," he says.

Though the main purpose of some clubs is just to have fun, others extend the learning experience. At the Culinary Institute of America, students may sit in a wine class for several hours a day and then attend a wine-tasting sponsored by the Bacchus Wine Society later that night, says David Whalen, associate dean for student activities, recreation and athletics. "They're back there lining up at the door because they want to learn more about wine."

Students also flock to cooking demonstrations by the Avant-Garde Cuisine Society, which has taught aspiring chefs how to make ice cream using liquid nitrogen.

Students who had a handful of clubs at their high school are often overwhelmed by the hundreds of organizations they can join once they step onto large campuses. Officials have different views on whether they should dive in right away or wait a few weeks until they've adjusted to their new courses and environment.

The answer depends on the student, says Tina Samuel Powellson, associate director in the Office of Student Involvement at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, which offers about 345 student organizations. She says there is no "cookie-cutter" plan—"I would encourage students to take their time, to get to know what's the best fit for them," she says.

### INNOVATIVE COLLEGE CLUBS

**Michigan Squirrel Club**
*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*
*Members: About 700*
*Established: 2002*

What they do: The main purpose is to "spread a bit of squirrely cheer to everyone," says club president Peter Feng. To put it simply, members spend their Sunday afternoons feeding peanuts to the hundreds of fat squirrels that roam U of M's campus. "Salted peanuts are unhealthy, so we just give them roasted or raw," Feng says. "I don't think the squirrels mind what they get."

**The Avant-Garde Cuisine Society**
*Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y.*
*Members: About 175*
*Established: 2009*

What they do: Inspired by renowned chef Ferran Adria of Spain, the club applies science to cook with ingredients such as Methocel—a product similar to gelatin except that it gels when hot. Members have also used glycerin and sucrose ester emulsifiers to make bacon-flavored cotton candy, and maltodextrin to create a powder that turns into tapioca pudding in your mouth. "Some call it molecular gastronomy. I prefer to say it's progressive American cuisine," says founding member Evan Brady.

**Harvard College Cube Club**
*Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.*
*Members: About 10*
*Established: 2010*

What they do: This club is for those interested in "cubing" (i.e. solving a Rubik's cube or performing tricks with it). "Our weekly club meetings typically consist of a bunch of people coming together and cubing together, talking about new cube designs that have come out or talking about better ways to solve a cube," says club president Amy Tai. The club plans this fall to sponsor a tournament approved by the World Cubing Association.

**Hygiene for Humanity**
*Colorado State University, Fort Collins*
*Members: About 20*
*Established: 2009*

What they do: These college students definitely shower. Members collect products such as soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste and donate them to homeless shelters in Colorado. In the fall, the group plans to send supplies to impoverished people in Africa.

**The Nerd Girls**
*Tufts University, Medford, Mass.*
*Members: 14-24 (occasional men allowed)*
*Established: 2000*

What they do: Despite the club's name, these women are not your typical "nerds." Members are college athletes, writers and dancers who also have a passion for science and engineering. "One of the main goals (of creating the club) was to dispel the stereotype of what smart and intelligent women have to look like," says founder Karen Panetta, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at Tufts. Members have built solar cars, developed technology to operate lighthouses and designed a voice-activated cage door for a trained monkey that assists a paralyzed person.

**NMC OPEN HOUSE**
Northern Marianas College students and staff try samples of bean soup at the NMC Cooperative Research Education and Extension Service's Expanded Food & Nutrition Education program's booth during the NMC Open House that was held on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010. The NMC Open House showcased various programs and services at the college, including NMC-CREES, Library Programs and Services, Career Services, the NMC Bookstore, and the College Access Challenge Project. The event was part of NMC's Welcome Week activities that aimed to give new and returning students an opportunity to learn more about the college.

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## CAMPUS BULLETIN

### Hopwood's important dates to remember

■ Sept.1-3: All HJHS staff orientation and in-service training at 8am -12pm. After, teachers are expected to prepare for the opening and others.

For more information, contact the school at 237-3421 or 237-3395. ***(PR)***

### Class schedule distribution at MHS

The Marianas High School will distribute all class schedules on the first day of classes on Sept. 7 during homeroom period. Student homeroom listing will be posted around the campus and main office by last names. Homeroom starts at 8am and school ends at 3pm. Other school procedures and requirements will be shared during homeroom orientation. Visit the school for new registration or new enrollment requirements. ***(PR)***

### SAES orientation schedule

San Antonio Elementary School would like to inform the public that its kindergarten orientation will be held today, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, at 5pm in the SAES cafeteria. All parents of kindergarten students must be present to receive important information. Orientation for 1st-6th grade will be held on the following days and times:

■ **Sept. 7, 2010:**
4th Graders, 4-5pm
5th grader, 5-6pm
6th grader, 6-7pm

■ **Sept. 8, 2010:**
1st grader, 4-5pm
2nd grader, 5-4pm
3rd grader, 6-7pm

### ChaCha Ocean View student orientation

The ChaCha Ocean View Junior High School will be having an orientation for 6th grade students on Sept. 2, 2010, from 9:30 to 10:30am in the cafeteria. For 7th and 8th grade students, orientation will be on Sept. 3, 2010, from 9:30 to 10:30am in the cafeteria. Call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4400 if you have any question or comments. ***(PR)***

### Kagman Elementary calendar of activities

This is to inform students, teachers, parents, and guardians of Kagman Elementary School of the following back-to-school events:

■ Sept. 1: School Level Professional Development Day. All teachers report to school at 7:30am.

■ Sept. 2, School Level Professional Development Day

■ Sept. 3: General school orientation for parents and students at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria. Classroom orientation for parents and students at 2pm–4:30pm in the following grade level classes:

Kinder AM and PM parents/student classroom orientation in Room D101

1st grade, parents/student classroom orientation in D102

2nd grade, parents/student classroom orientation in E101

3rd grade, parents/student classroom orientation in E112

4th grade, parents/student classroom orientation in F108

5th grade, parents/student classroom orientation in C103

■ Sept. 7, first day of school for all students:

Kinder AM, 7:30-11am

Kinder PM, 11:15am-2:15pm

1st-5th grade, 7:30am-2:15pm

### IEP workshop for parents

The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested parents to attend a workshop on Individual Education Programs on Sept. 1, 2010, at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, Saipan from 8am to 1pm. This half-day session will address: the purpose of the IEP; information parents can contribute to the IEP; the process for determining necessary services; monitoring one's child's educational progress; and collaborating with one's child's team. The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. ***(PSS)***

## NMC's Adult Basic Education fall 2010 calendar

The Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education program, a program under the Division of Community Programs and Services (COMPASS), has announced the following academic dates for the Fall 2010 Semester:

**Registration for returning students: Sept 13-14, 10am - 6pm, ABE**

■ Registration for new students: Sept 15-16, 10am - 6pm, ABE

■ Late registration: Sept 17, 9am - 4pm, ABE

Sept 21-23, 9am - 4 pm, ABE

■ Student orientation: Sept 22, 5pm - 6:30pm, TBA

■ Add/drop for students: Sept 24, 8am - 5pm, ABE

**Sept 27-30, 8am - 5pm, ABE**
**Oct 1, 8am - 5pm, ABE**

■ First day of instruction:

■ TTh classes, Sept 23, 2010

■ MWF classes, Sept 24, 2010

■ Sat. classes, Sept 25, 2010

■ Sun. classes, Sept 26, 2010

■ Last day of instruction: Dec 18, 2010

For more information, log on to www.nmcnet.edu or contact the ABE Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1723 or 1724. ***(NMC)***

# Life & Style

## Purse, cocaine not hers, Hilton told Vegas police

**LAS VEGAS** (AP)—Paris Hilton had an explanation for police: The rolling papers, $1,300 in cash and several credit cards were hers, but not the purse they were in.

And definitely not the bag of white powder that fell out of it.

Believing it to be cocaine, an officer asked her who it belonged to.

"She said she had not seen it but now thought it was gum," Las Vegas police Lt. Dennis Flynn wrote in a report made public on Monday.

Hilton told police the purse belonged to a friend. But the friend was never identified.

The 29-year-old celebrity socialite was charged with cocaine possession. She was freed without bail before dawn Saturday after spending less than three hours handcuffed on a jailhouse booking room bench.

Hilton's lawyer, David Chesnoff, said he would not comment on the police report, and added, "the facts of the situation will be tested in a courtroom."

Flynn said Hilton acknowledged also owning a broken tablet of the prescription asthma medication Albuterol found in the purse she took with her into a security room at the Wynn Las Vegas resort.

Flynn said Hilton had asked to be allowed to go into the hotel after her boyfriend, Las Vegas nightclub mogul Cy Waits, 34, failed field sobriety tests given by a motorcycle officer.

The couple had been stopped in a black Cadillac Escalade after the officer smelled a "vapor trail" of marijuana smoke. Police have not said whether marijuana was found in the vehicle.

Flynn said Hilton denied owning a small plastic "bindle" containing 0.8 grams of cocaine that the police lieutenant said fell out when Hilton opened the purse to get a tube of lip balm.

Flynn said that while Hilton was in the Escalade, she told him she was "extremely embarrassed, due to all the people taking pictures of her," and asked to go inside the Wynn resort to use a bathroom.

Flynn estimated the crowd at about 100 people.

Hilton

Several photos apparently snapped with cell phone cameras have been posted on at least one Internet site showing Hilton with police at the Escalade on the neon-splashed Strip.

Las Vegas police do not have cameras on patrol vehicle dashboards.

Flynn said Hilton was taken to a security holding room inside Wynn to await the arrival of a female officer to accompany her to a rest room.

"Hilton said she needed to put some lip balm on, and I handed her the purse from the table," Flynn wrote. "As she began to open it, I saw a small bindle of what I believed to be cocaine in clear plastic baggy begin to fall from the purse and into my hand."

Hilton briefly faced a marijuana charge last month after a FIFA World Cup match in South Africa, but the case against her was dropped after a woman who was with her pleaded guilty to possessing the drug.

Hilton is scheduled for arraignment before a Las Vegas judge Oct. 27 on a felony cocaine possession charge that could get her probation if convicted.

A violation of that probation could be punishable by up to one to four years in Nevada state prison.

Waits, 34, was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He spent the night in jail before he was released on $2,000 bail with a Nov. 29 court date.

Waits is managing partner of the Tryst Nightclub at Wynn Las Vegas, XS The Nightclub at Wynn's Encore resort, and Drai's after-hours club at Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon.

He declined comment Monday when reached by The Associated Press. His lawyer did not immediately respond to a message.

AP

In this photo provided by ABC, the new lineup of stars, from left, Brandy, David Hasselhoff, Jennifer Grey, Kurt Warner, Margaret Cho, Kyle Massey, Audrina Patridge, Rick Fox, Florence Henderson, co-host Brooke Burke, Bristol Palin, and host Tom Bergeron, pose for a photo in Hollywood, Calif., Monday, Aug. 31, 2010. The two-hour season premiere of "Dancing with the Stars," airs Monday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. ET on the ABC Television Network.

## Bristol Palin, The Situation among 'Dancing' stars

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The mother of "The Brady Bunch," a former NFL quarterback, one of the self-proclaimed "guidos" from "Jersey Shore" and the daughter of Sarah Palin are among the celebrities who will cha-cha-cha on the 11th season of "Dancing with the Stars."

Tom Bergeron and Brooke Burke, hosts of the ABC ballroom competition, announced the cast Monday.

"The Brady Bunch" matriarch Florence Henderson, retired Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner, "Jersey Shore" co-star Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and Bristol Palin are among the 12 celebrities who will be paired with professional dance partners and train before their prime-time premiere Sept. 20. How does Palin's mother feel about her dancing gig?

"She's excited for me," said Bristol. "She knows that this is going to be hard work, but she's excited."

Also competing for the mirrorball trophy will be: "When a Man Loves a Woman" singer Michael Bolton, comedian-actress Margaret Cho, former Los Angeles Lakers forward Rick Fox, "Dirty Dancing" actress Jennifer Grey, "Baywatch" actor David Hasselhoff, Disney Channel star Kyle Massey, singer-actress Brandy Norwood and "The Hills" co-star Audrina Patridge.

"I'm happy to be here," said Hasselhoff. "My two daughters love this show, and they convinced me."

The names of most of the celebrity contestants, save for 19-year-old "That's So Raven" and "Cory in the House" star Kyle Massey, had been widely rumored as competitors in the weeks leading up to Monday's official announcement, which was broadcast live during "Bachelor Pad." The first celebrity and their professional partner will be eliminated Sept. 21.

## Baldwin says '30 Rock' Emmy run couldn't last

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Alec Baldwin is philosophical about the end of "30 Rock"'s three-year run as best comedy at the Emmys.

Baldwin

The NBC show lost its lock on the category Sunday as "Modern Family" won best comedy series. Baldwin also saw his two-year streak as outstanding actor in a comedy series come to an end. He lost to Jim Parsons of CBS' "The Big Bang Theory."

"Nothing can last forever. We knew that eventually we'd have to watch someone else pick up the Emmy; this is the year it happened," said Baldwin, who was at an event for the opening of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York City. "We've been very lucky, and I can't complain. I'm a big Jim Parsons fan."

He can't say the same for ABC's "Modern Family"—but that's not because he has any ill will toward it.

"I've never watched `Modern Family,'" he admitted. However, he blames that on the flights he takes. Baldwin said he watches most of his sitcoms on airplanes, and the flights he takes only show NBC and CBS shows.

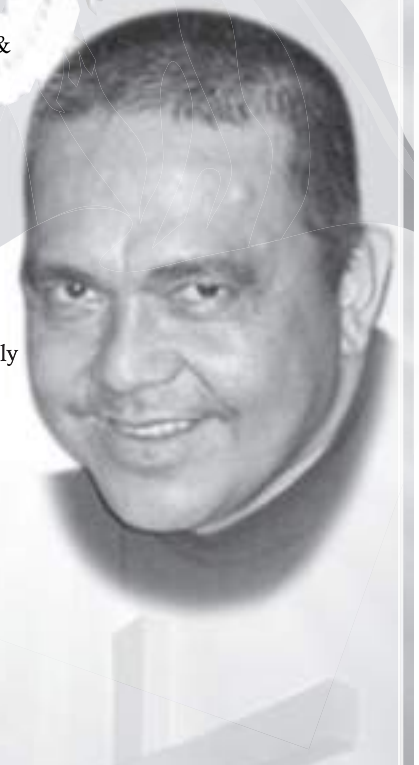
"I used to see `Everybody Loves Raymond' on the plane; I've watched every damn episode," he said with a laugh.


*In Celebration of His New Life*

**Francisco Rudolfo Untalan Hofschneider**

**Lovingly known as 'Rudy'**

Born to Life: October 10, 1954
Called to eternal life on August 28, 2010 (Saturday) at Guam Memorial Hospital



***He now joins his:***
**Parents:** Richard Villagomez Hofschneider, Sr. & Andresina Untalan Hofschneider
**Brothers:** John U. Hofschneider
Henry U. Hofschneider

***He will forever be missed by:***
**His Wife:** Barbara Flores Hofschneider
**His Daughter:** Carmen Flores Hofschneider
**Parents in Law:** Augustine B. Flores and Carmen T. Flores

***Sisters & Brothers In Law:***
Bertha H. & Raymond A. Aguon & Family
Alice U. Hofschneider & Michael R. Cabrera & Family
Corinne H. & John R. Santos & Family

***Brothers & Sisters In Law:***
†John U. & Florine M. Hofschneider & Family
†Henry U. & Ana Maria B. Hofschneider & Family
James U. & Penelope B. Hofschneider & Family
Alvin U. & Louise DLG. Hofschneider & Family
Herman U. & Sheila Hofschneider & Family
Richard Jr. U & Liana S. Hofschneider & Family
Norbert U. & Lynette I. Hofschneider & Family
Julian U. & Margarita D. Hofschneider & Family
Jude U. Hofschneider & Family

***In-laws:***
Tony T. & Debra Flores
Victor T. Flores
Michael T. & Jessica Flores & Family
Joel T. Flores
Elizabeth F. & Alan Hong & Family
Catherine F. & Pierre Lam & Family

***He is also survived by:***
Numerous Uncles, Aunties, Nephews and Nieces.

Holy Rosary is prayed at 8pm nightly at the San Jose Catholic Church in Tinian.
Daily Mass is offered at 6pm at the San Vicente Catholic Church in Saipan.

***Schedule of Services:***
**Thursday, September 02, 2010:**
9:30am – Depart Guam to Saipan
11:00am – Escorted to Borja Funeral Home
3:00pm – Responso followed by Holy Rosary
3:30 to 5:30pm - Viewing
6:00pm – Mass at San Vicente Church

**Friday, September 03, 2010:**
9:30am – Escorted to Saipan Commuter Airport
10:30am – Departure to Tinian
Upon arrival, Rudy will be escorted to Tinian Health Center and rosary will follow.

**Saturday, September 04, 2010:**
7:30am – Escorted from Tinian Health Center to San Jose Church
7:45am – 8:15am – Responso and Holy Rosary
8:30am – 10:30am – Viewing
10:30am – Mass of Christian Burial
Interment Service will follow at the San Jose Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.

**Barbara, Carmen and the Family**

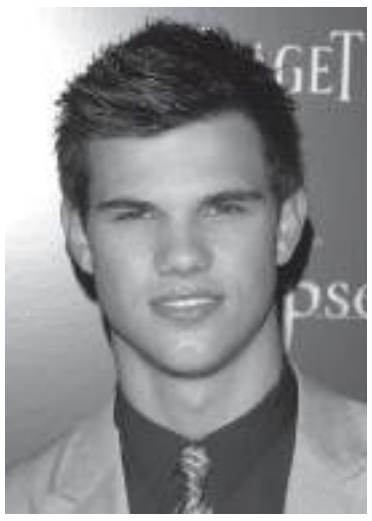
# RV dealer challenges 'Twilight' star to push-ups

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The owner of an RV dealership sued by Taylor Lautner over a customized vehicle challenged the "Twilight" star Monday to use his muscles instead of his lawyers to resolve the case.

Brent McMahon, who owns McMahon's RV in Irvine, Calif., offered to compete in a push-up contest to settle the breach of contract lawsuit that Lautner filed Aug. 23 claiming the dealership failed to deliver a $300,000 RV on time for use as a dressing room on the set of the actor's latest film.

McMahon and his attorney denied wrongdoing and said they will vigorously defend the case in court if Lautner, 18, doesn't accept the challenge.

Lautner's attorney Robert Barta said the challenge was indicative of problems with the dealership.



AP

In this June 28, 2010 photo, Actor Taylor Lautner attends the Cinema Society premiere of "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" in New York.

"McMahon RV's response to our client's legitimate claim further demonstrates the lack of professionalism that Mr. McMahon, his company and his employees have exhibited from the outset, and that compelled the filing of this lawsuit in the first place," the statement read.

The push-up contest was a "facetious suggestion," it said.

The dealership said Lautner's camp had sought a $40,000 settlement to resolve the case, leading to the unorthodox proposal by McMahon. The 47-year-old businessman said if he won the contest, he would donate the settlement money to Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Barta's statement said the matter might be settled if McMahon made a $40,000 donation to a charity of Lautner's choosing.

Lautner's lawsuit also claimed the RV needed additional work after it was delivered. Barta's statement claimed the vehicle wasn't in a safe, drivable condition when it was handed over.

It was unclear what upgrades Lautner sought. McMahon said the vehicle was given a custom paint job.

Lautner gained fame for his role as Jacob Black in the "Twilight" movie series. He is currently filming "Abduction" and will reprise his role as Black in the two-part "Twilight" finale.

# Lohan talks trial, talent, drug use in Vanity Fair

**NEW YORK** (AP)—In the upcoming issue of Vanity Fair, Lindsay Lohan admits making mistakes in the past and "dabbling in certain things."

But in a July interview with the magazine before the 24-year-old actress served 14 days in jail followed by 23 days of inpatient rehab, she defended her actions, saying she was young and curious and was associating with the wrong people.

"So many people around me would say they cared for the wrong reasons," Lohan said. "A lot of people were pulling from me, taking from me and not giving. I had a lot of people that were there for me for, you know, the party."

Lohan says she used to get her news from tabloids, which she now calls "scary and sad."

"I would look up to those girls ... the Britneys and whatever," she said. "And I would be like, I want to be like that."

Despite everything, Lohan is confident in her acting abilities and future: "I don't care what anyone says. I know that I'm a damn good actress."

She says she'll do whatever it takes to fix her party-girl image.

"I want my career back," she said. "I want the respect that I had when I was doing great movies. And if that takes not going out to a club at night, then so be it. It's not fun anyway."

She also addresses issues with her father, Michael Lohan, saying, "I think my biggest focus for myself is learning how to continue to get through the trauma that my father has caused in my life."

Lohan talks about the mixed signals of seeing her father in court crying over her but then speaking to the media afterward.

In this magazine cover released by Vanity Fair, actress Lindsay Lohan is shown on the cover of the October 2010 issue of Vanity Fair. AP

# 5 most gripping films about possession

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

**LOS ANGELES, California** (AP)—"The Last Exorcism" follows the increasingly disturbing behavior of a teenage girl living on a remote Louisiana farm who may or may not be possessed by some sort of demon. Strange things have been happening, prompting her deeply religious father to call upon a famous preacher to rid her body of what he assumes must be an evil spirit.

It is some of the most startling stuff you will see in scary movies. But there are various kinds of possession, lots of examples in film of people's bodies being taken over, often in the name of laughs instead of thrills. Here are five movies about possession, demonic and otherwise, that will take hold of you:

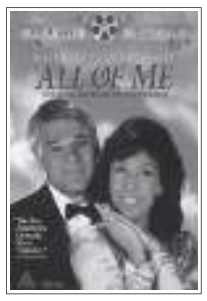
## "The Exorcist" (1973)

Of course, we have to go with this one first. The imagery is iconic: the spinning head and the projectile pea soup, the rumbling bed and those profane words coming out of sweet little Linda Blair's mouth. William Friedkin's film received 10 Oscar nominations and won two (for William Peter Blatty's screenplay and for sound), and it was the first horror film to be nominated for best picture. Even today, when horror movies feature much more graphic violence, "The Exorcist" chills to the bone, mainly because the mere idea of a 12-year-old girl being possessed by the devil is so disturbing. This is still one of the scariest movies ever made, if not THE scariest. But it has tough competition from ...

## "The Shining" (1980)

One of Stanley Kubrick's most visually striking films, based on the Stephen King novel (although King himself was famously unhappy with it). The sense of isolation out there at that big, rambling Overlook Hotel, in the snow, in the dead of winter, is enough to make you feel uneasy, but the idea that supernatural spirits in the place could take over a man's body and prompt him to try to kill his wife and young son is just terrifying. There is nowhere to run. Kubrick was a master at freaking you out with camera angles, lighting and pacing, but the film's surreal imagery, the look on Jack Nicholson's face alone, remains haunting three decades later.

## "All of Me" (1984)




A great showcase for Steve Martin's extreme gift of physical comedy and Lily Tomlin's brainy zaniness. Martin makes you believe he is truly split in two: that the soul of Tomlin's character, a dead millionaire, has accidentally entered his body and that both are vying for control over it. What he does here is crazed and precise all at once. This absurd premise is played as if it makes total sense, and that is why it works. But for all the struggles between these two disparate characters, and all the delightfully madcap humor, carefully controlled by Carl Reiner in one of his better offerings as a director, an unexpected tenderness eventually develops.

## "Ghostbusters" (1984)

A comic classic, obviously—let's just get that out of the way and move on. The phrase "Are you the Keymaster?" spoken by a possessed Sigourney Weaver in a slinky red dress and wild hair and makeup, is instantly recognizable all these years later. But as Bill Murray learns in the kind of sly, confident performance that is emblematic of his work in the '80s, there is no Dana, only Zuul. Dana's been taken over by a demonic beast living in her Manhattan high-rise, causing her to roll her eyes, roar and float above her bed. Director Ivan Reitman takes all this traditional demonic-possession imagery and uses it to amuse us rather than make us scream.

## "Heaven Can Wait" (1978)

Warren Beatty showed off his charm and smarts in this screwball-comedy throwback, a remake of 1941's "Here Comes Mr. Jordan." It was nominated for nine Academy Awards, including best picture, and won one for its art direction. Beatty, as co-director with Buck Henry and co-writer with Elaine May, is of course the star as a Los Angeles Rams quarterback who's killed in an accident but finds himself sent back to Earth in the body of an eccentric billionaire. But Dyan Cannon and Charles Grodin do great, showy supporting work, and Julie Christie could not be lovelier. Satire, sweetness and strong visuals blend seamlessly here.

*Think of any other examples? Share them with AP Movie Critic Christy Lemire through Twitter: www.twitter.com/christylemire.*

# Nannies could testify in Anna Nicole Smith case

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The trial of two doctors and Anna Nicole Smith's lawyer boyfriend is entering its second month with the prosecution near the conclusion of its case but for a lingering question—will the nannies testify?

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry raised the issue last week.

"It sounds to me like we are getting toward the end of the people's case," said Perry. "Are the nannies going to testify?"

Deputy District Attorney Renee Rose said, "If I were the defense I would prepare for their testimony. We are doing what we can to bring them here."

The two women, Nadine Alexie and Quethlie Alexis, are Haitians who worked for Smith in the Bahamas caring for her baby. They have not testified in a public forum but their comments to private and government investigators have been subjects of controversy since Smith died at the age of 39 of a drug overdose.

Howard K. Stern, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, and a psychiatrist, Dr. Khristine Eroshevich are on trial on charges related to over-prescribing drugs and illegally obtaining drugs for Smith under pseudonyms. The allegations include giving drugs to an addict. They are not charged with causing her death which was ruled an accident. They have pleaded not guilty.

The judge pressed attorney Rose further: "You are remarkably evasive regarding the nannies."

Co-prosecutor David Burkhart said there were visa and travel problems because the nannies who would be coming from The Bahamas.

Rose said she hoped they would arrive this week, but defense attorney Steve Sadow then raised the problem of language translations for one of the nannies who speaks a creole dialect. The judge asked if Rose had arranged for a translator and she said she had not.

"I'm not sure there's a creole interpreter in all of Los Angeles," said the judge who suggested she notify the court interpreters' office immediately.

"The nannies are in the wind, so to speak," said the judge.

During a preliminary hearing last year, a Department of Justice investigator read statements made to him during an interview of nanny Nadine Alexie in which she said that Stern and Eroshevich persuaded Smith to take drugs that sometimes left her asleep for three days at a time.

Sections of the lengthy transcript of interviews with the two women by investigator Danny Santiago were excised from the hearing by the judge who said they were too inflammatory. The nannies are considered to be key witnesses against Stern.

Before court recessed last week, one proposed prosecution witness was called to testify outside the jury's presence. Ford Shelley Jr., a member of a South Carolina family with whom Smith stayed during the last months of her life, said he had no memory of seeing medication bottles with Stern's name on them in Smith's possession.

Asked if he had ever expressed an opinion about Stern, he said vehemently, "I've said it before and I'll say it now. He wouldn't have done anything to hurt her and I don't know why he's here."

His sister-in-law, Melaine Thompson, testified that when she first met the former Playboy model appeared wobbly on her feet.

"She appeared to be intoxicated or medicated," she said.

She gave lengthy testimony about Smith's deterioration after the death of her son, Daniel.

Stern's lawyer, Sadow, asked: "You never once observed Howard K. Stern give Anna medication, is that correct?"

"Correct," answered the witness.

Bullock

# Bullock: Son is 'crown prince' in family of girls

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Actress Sandra Bullock says her baby son is the "crown prince" in the family because everyone else is female—even the pets.

Bullock called her adopted son from New Orleans, Louis Bardo Bullock, her "little Cajun cookie." She started the adoption process four years ago, and Louis' adoption was finalized earlier this year.

In an interview airing Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show, Bullock says she didn't want to use her celebrity status to speed up the adoption process. She says: "I wanted to do everything exactly the same way everyone else did."

Bullock was in New Orleans this week for the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina to celebrate the opening of a school-based health clinic that she contributed to.

Bullock finalized her divorce from biker businessman Jesse James earlier this year.

# Rocker Slash files for divorce in Los Angeles

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Slash is preparing to go solo in his love life.

Court records show the guitarist filed for divorce Monday from his wife of nearly nine years. Slash is known for his guitar play with bands Guns N' Roses and Velvet Revolver. His real name is Saul Hudson.

The filing states he and his wife Perla separated in July and cites irreconcilable differences for the split.

The couple have two sons, ages 8 and 6. Hudson is seeking joint custody of the children and asking a judge to determine how much spousal support he should pay.

The divorce filing was first reported by celebrity website TMZ.

AP

In this Jan. 31, 2010 file photo, musician Slash, right, and Perla Hudson arrive at the EMI Grammy party in Los Angeles.

# Emmys ratings on par with last year, up slightly

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The ratings report doesn't have particularly good or bad news for the annual Emmy Awards. It has just about the same news.

The Nielsen Co. said Monday that an estimated 13.5 million viewers watched television's big night on Sunday, hosted by Jimmy Fallon. That's up slightly from last year's audience of 13.47 million. Among viewers aged 18 to 49, this year's rating was down by a tenth of a point from 2009.

The show's timing seemed to have little impact. The Emmys are shown by one of the four top broadcast networks on a rotating basis, usually the Sunday before the mid-September start of the fall season. NBC moved the awards up three weeks this year to avoid interfering with the start of NFL season. What viewers the network might have lost due to people being on vacation it apparently gained because of a relative lack of competition.

It was the biggest Emmys audience in four years, the last time it was aired by NBC.

# French filmmaker Alain Corneau dies at 67

**PARIS** (AP)—Alain Corneau, the French filmmaker who leapt to international notice with the 1991 hit "Tous les Matins du Monde," a period drama about 17th-century musicians, has died, his talent agency said. He was 67.

Artmedia agency said Monday that Corneau, who was suffering from cancer, died overnight.

Throughout a career lasting more than 35 years, Corneau directed many legends of French cinema, including Catherine Deneuve and Gerard Depardieu.

Depardieu starred alongside his son Guillaume in "Tous les Matins du Monde" ("All the Mornings of the World"). The film, which depicted the uneasy relationship between a young and elderly musician in 17th-century France, won considerable critical acclaim at home and abroad.

It garnered seven Cesar awards, the French equivalent of the Academy Awards, and was nominated for a Golden Globe for best foreign film.

The office of French President Nicolas Sarkozy hailed Corneau as a "courageous man" and a "great director."

## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### La. man arrested by Steven Seagal pleads guilty

**GRETNA, La.** (AP)—A Louisiana man who was arrested by Steven Seagal and other sheriff's deputies last year has pleaded guilty to a minor drug charge. Thirty-year-old Jimmy Sarrio of Marrero admitted Friday that he had a small amount of cocaine when he was arrested in July 2009. He was sentenced to two years probation. Seagal is a reserve deputy chief with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's office and stars in the TV series "Steven Seagal: Lawman." Sarrio originally argued to have the case tossed because Seagal and other deputies had no reason to question him while he was parked on a neighbor's lawn. Seagal testified in June that deputies thought Sarrio might be in need of help.

### LA sued for stopping Tiesto show after rave death

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Organizers of a Los Angeles rave that ended with the death of a 15-year-old girl are suing the city for canceling a concert it organized with electronic music artist Tiesto. Insomniac Inc. filed the breach-of-contract lawsuit Friday against the city for canceling an October concert at the Convention Center. The lawsuit seeks a court order allowing the concert to go on. The city attorney's office said Monday it is reviewing the lawsuit and would not comment. Insomniac organized the Electric Daisy Carnival in June. The two-day stadium event was marred by the girl's death from a suspected drug overdose and 118 arrests, mostly for drug possession. But Insomniac says the Tiesto concert would be indoors and limited to adults.

### Isabella Rossellini to head Berlin festival jury

**BERLIN** (AP)—Actress Isabella Rossellini will lead the jury at the annual Berlin International Film Festival in February. Festival organizers announced the appointment on Monday. Festival director Dieter Kosslick described Rossellini as "a multifaceted, creative film artist with extensive experience in European, American and international cinema." Rossellini's films include "Blue Velvet," ''Wild at Heart" and "Fearless." She presented her directorial debut, the "Green Porno" short films, at the Berlin festival in 2008. The festival didn't announce any other members of the jury that will award the top Golden Bear award and other prizes. This year, the panel was headed by filmmaker Werner Herzog. The 2011 edition runs from Feb. 10-20.

### Titian masterpiece suffers water damage after fire

**VENICE, Italy** (AP)—A painting by Renaissance master Titian in one of Venice's most picturesque basilicas has suffered water damage after firefighters doused the basilica while battling a nearby blaze. Venice's museum superintendent, Vittorio Sgarbi, says the damage isn't serious. The fire broke out Sunday night at the seminary next to the Santa Maria della Salute basilica, a 17th century octagonal-shaped church that dominates the view of the Grand Canal. Sgarbi said firefighters doused the basilica as well and that water seeped through the roof, damaging Titian's "David and Goliath." The masterpiece is one of three Titians that line the ceiling of the sacristy. The other two weren't damaged; Sgarbi ordered "David and Goliath" removed for repairs.

### Bjork, Morricone accept 2010 Polar Music Prize

**STOCKHOLM** (AP)—Italian composer Ennio Morricone and Icelandic singer Bjork have received the 2010 Polar Music Prize from Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf. The musicians accepted their awards at a glitzy ceremony in Stockholm on Monday. Each award is worth 1 million kronor ($136,000). Bjork said she was honored to receive the prize and that it "tickled" her vanity to be mentioned together with previous laureates such as rock band Pink Floyd and singer Joni Mitchell. The Polar Music Prize is typically shared each year by a pop artist and a classical musician. It was founded by the manager of Sweden's legendary pop group ABBA, Stig Anderson, in 1989.

### Nottage, Eno are 1st winners of Horton Foote Prize

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Lynn Nottage and Will Eno are the first recipients of the Horton Foote Prize for excellence in American theater. Nottage's "Ruined" was named outstanding new American play, and Eno's "Middletown" was named promising new American play. Their selection was announced Monday. Nottage and Eno will be honored Sept. 20 in New York City. Each playwright will receive $15,000 and a photograph of Foote, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and screenwriter. He died last year at 92. Fifty-four resident U.S. theaters were invited to nominate a play. Nottage was nominated by the Manhattan Theatre Club. Eno was nominated by the Vineyard Theater. The award will be presented every two years. The prizes are funded by the Greg and Mari Marchbanks Family Foundation.

### Mexico's 500-peso bills to feature Frida, Diego

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—Mexico's new 500-peso bills will bear the images of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, two of the country's best-known painters. The Bank of Mexico says the bills will go into circulation Monday and are a tribute to the artists, who were married twice and worked in the early- and mid-20th century. The bills will be coffee-colored and have on the front a self-portrait of Rivera, who along with Jose Clemente Orozco and David Alfaro Siqueiros were Mexico's top muralists in the previous century. The back will have a self-portrait by Kahlo, who was known for her tortured subjects. Federico Rubi, the bank's director of external relations, called them Mexico's most prestigious artists. Five hundred pesos are worth a bit less than $50.

# Open-minded wife draws the line at lap dances

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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**DEAR ABBY**: My husband and I generally agree on most major issues. We agree to disagree on the minor ones. But there is one issue I think is major and he thinks is minor—strip clubs. He sees nothing wrong with having women give him lap dances. He compares it to seeing a movie—it's "entertainment."

Abby, I'm not a prude. I wouldn't care if he went to a strip club for a bachelor party, and I don't object about his extensive porn collection. But it makes me feel he isn't getting what he needs from me when he goes to a strip club by himself. I expect my husband to understand and respect my feelings. Is that too much to ask, or am I being unreasonable?

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT? IN SALT LAKE CITY

**DEAR "?": You don't mind your husband going to strip clubs as long as he's with others, and you don't mind him looking at his "extensive porn collection"? It seems as wives go, you're extremely liberal. It's not unreasonable to feel uncomfortable knowing one's spouse is being touched by a scantily clad person of the opposite sex. Because you prefer he not be there alone and he refuses to quit, consider going with him.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I have a good friend who is extremely handsome and well-built. "Kal" is friendly, outgoing and lights up a room when he walks in. Everyone likes him—guys and gals. He makes friends easily and is quite engaging. Girls talk to him and flirt with him, but they don't want to date him.

Kal is 5-foot-7 and everyone says things like, "He's hot!" or, "He's so cute—but he's short." Abby, this man has a great job, makes more than $80,000 a year, owns his own home and drives a nice car. He surfs, snowboards and loves to enjoy life.

I don't get it. If I wasn't already married to a wonderful man, I'd date Kal in a hot minute. I have seen girls swoon over his physique on the beach or at the gym. Is he too short to be considered eligible?

LOST IN THE LAND OF ALOHA

**DEAR LOST: No—he's too eligible to be considered short on anything. The true measure of a man isn't from top to bottom—it's from the eyebrows up. I wish you had sent me Kal's phone number. I know I'll be inundated with letters from interested people.**

**P.S. Readers, I'd be interested in your thoughts. Does height REALLY matter?**

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**DEAR ABBY**: Our daughter just turned 4. She was a "miracle baby"—carried by a surrogate using my embryo. When our surrogate was 4 1/2 months pregnant, I became pregnant. Our second child is a boy.

I have been open about our story, trying to give other infertile couples hope. However, I have noticed that our daughter's ears perk up when I start talking. She often talks about when she was in my tummy, and when her brother was in there, too. I am torn as to whether I should explain the story to her now, or wait until she can really comprehend such a thing. I don't want her to resent me for covering up the truth.

BLESSED TWICE IN SAN DIEGO

**DEAR BLESSED TWICE: At 4, your little girl is too young to be told the technicalities surrounding her birth. Raise the subject when she is older and starting to learn about biology—unless she starts asking questions sooner. If she does, answer her honestly and on an age-appropriate level.**

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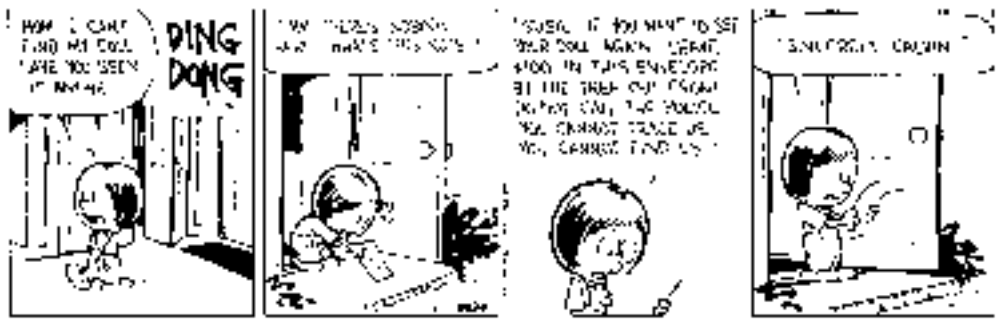
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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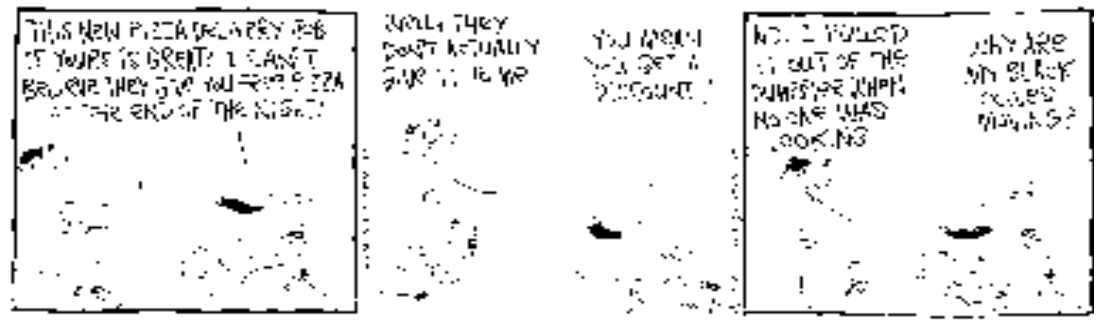

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*By Eugene Sheffer*

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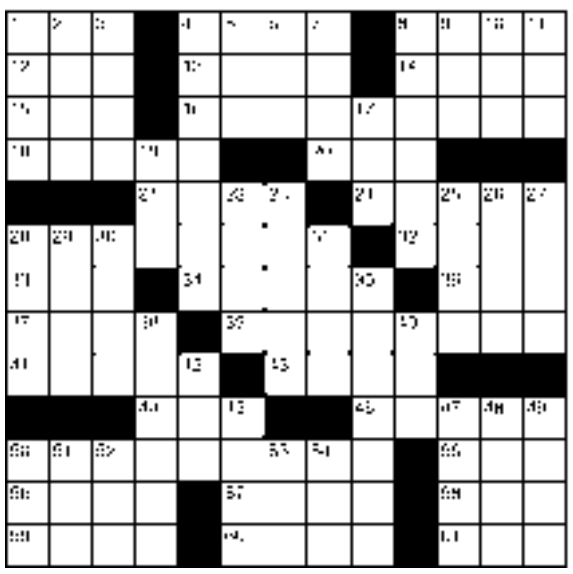

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Gloria Estefan, 53; Dr. Phil McGraw, 60; Barry Gibb, 64; Lily Tomlin, 71

**Happy Birthday**: Success is within reach but only if you take care of old business first. Financial and professional opportunities are present if you address the situations that you may have been trying to ignore. Nothing is as difficult as it appears, but it does take courage to admit you need to make a change or fix a mistake. Your numbers are 5, 8, 21, 24, 29, 33, 40

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Love is on the rise and a passionate encounter is likely to develop if you are receptive to what's being proposed. Don't get caught up in the moment. Do what you want to do for the right reasons. ✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Your ideas will surprise some and captivate others. Whether at work or while volunteering your services, you will be able to develop good relationships with those able to further your current position. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): A new concept or idea will take off if presented properly. Don't let someone else get involved or you may be convinced to do things in a manner that doesn't reflect what you want to portray. Relax in the evening hours with someone special. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Your emotions will take you in many different directions. Find a way to fit everything that needs to be done into your tight schedule or you will face criticism or opposition. Now is not the time to take on someone else's burden. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll be introduced to people, places and ideas that captivate your imagination and change your life forever. A fresh start will set you apart from the people and situations that have been weighing you down and holding you back. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You may get trapped in an emotional situation that boggles the mind. Sort through whatever problems you face as quickly as possible so you don't miss out on a fantastic professional opportunity. Stabilize your future by taking care of business first. ✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You need a break. Now is the time to discuss future plans. Love and passion will play a prominent role in your life. The more time spent with someone who inspires you, the better you will do. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): There are deals to be made if you share your idea and propose your plans. Involve someone who can contribute to what you are trying to develop and, before you know it, things will be up and running. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You will begin to see things differently if you listen to others and are willing to compromise. Follow your heart and you will realize someone you have been following is truly trying to do some good. ✪✪✪

## EUGENIA LAST

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You'll be faced with opposition. Travel will lead to delays or problems with rules, obstructions or detours. Someone from your past can shed light on a new way to approach an old interest. Your patience will pay off. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You have so many good ideas and, if you implement the ones you think you'd enjoy doing most, you will be in a much better position financially and emotionally. There is money to be made. ✪✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You'll be drawn to someone with something unique to offer regarding your financial situation. It's a new day and, with a different approach, you can get back some of the things you have lost in the past. ✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are emotional, curious and dedicated to your beliefs and dreams. You set your goals and strive to please and accomplish.

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## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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# US survives test, holds on to edge Brazil

**ISTANBUL** (AP)—The United States survived its first tough test at the World Championships, edging Brazil 70-68 on Monday when Leandro Barbosa's shot rattled out at the buzzer.

Kevin Durant scored 27 points and Chauncey Billups added 15 for the Americans (3-0), who essentially clinched Group B with the victory. But this was further proof that a world title won't come easily for this young U.S. team—if it comes at all.

After the Americans trailed most of the first 2 1/2 quarters, Lamar Odom's dunk with 7:14 left put them ahead 64-62. But they couldn't build on the lead during a tense final few minutes, and Brazil had two chances to send the game to overtime.

Following a miss by Billups, Brazil got the ball and Marcelo Huertas was fouled on a drive to the basket with 3.5 seconds remaining. He missed the first free throw and then the second intentionally, tracking it down in the corner and firing it underneath to Barbosa, who put up a shot over Kevin Love, only to have it bounce off the back and front of the rim.

Barbosa finished with 14 points after a strong start for Brazil (2-1). Marcus Vinicius scored 16, and Tiago Splitter had 13 while battling foul trouble in the second half.

Also in Group B, Iran (1-2) earned its first victory ever at the world championship by beating Tunisia (0-3) behind 23 points and 13 rebounds from Hamed Haddadi of the Memphis Grizzlies.

Uros Slokar and Jaka Lakovic scored 15 points each, and Slovenia (2-1) beat Croatia 91-84 in the first game of the day in Istanbul. Croatia (1-2) shot 55 percent from 3-point range but was only 15 of 26 from the foul line.

With NBA big men Nene, Anderson Varejao and Splitter, Brazil was considered one of the teams with enough size to topple the undersized Americans. Nene had to pull out with an injury and Varejao sat out again while continuing to rest a sprained right ankle, so the Brazilians turned to a speed game to lead for much of the game.

They just couldn't finish the upset, leaving the Americans needing only a victory over Iran or Tunisia, the bottom two teams in Group B, or another Brazil loss to earn the top seed from the group and three full days off before meeting the No. 4 seed from Group A on Sept. 6.

The Americans have plenty to work on before worrying about that, after needing a huge night from Durant and 31 minutes from Billups, the old man of the team at 33, to pull this one out.

Brazil is coached by Ruben Magnano, who guided Argentina to victories over the U.S. in the 2002 worlds and 2004 Olympics, when the Argentines won gold. He nearly authored another upset.

U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski used his reserves liberally in the first two games, but gave much longer runs to the starters Monday after the backups were ineffective during their first stints.

In Group A in Kayseri, Luis Scola scored 32 points to help Argentina beat Angola 91-70, essentially securing its place in the second round.

USA's Kevin Love, left, and Brazil's Tiago Splitter go after a rebound during the preliminary round of the World Basketball Championship, Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, in Istanbul, Turkey.

AP

Scola scored 17 of Argentina's 23 points in the first quarter as the South Americans built a three-point lead. The Houston Rockets power forward finished the first half with 21 points as Argentina (3-0) took a 45-32 lead into the break.

Joaquim Gomes had 16 for Angola (1-2).

Patty Mills scored 16 points as Australia (2-1) cruised to a 78-43 victory over cold-shooting Germany, which may have been tired after a double-overtime victory over Serbia a day earlier.

Germany (1-2) scored the first basket before watching Australia go on a 12-0 run. The lead reached 22 before Australia took a 38-20 lead into halftime. Germany shot 27 percent from the field in the first half and 26 percent for the game.

Serbia (2-1) rebounded from the loss to the Germans with a 112-69 victory over Jordan (0-3). Dusko Savanovic and Marko Keselj each scored 21 points as Serbia shot 71.7 percent from the field.

# Federer, Venus, Roddick win at US Open

**NEW YORK** (AP)—This trick shot by Roger Federer was most definitely real.

He's even hit it before.

The five-time U.S. Open champion was up at the net when his first-round opponent, 96th-ranked Brian Dabul of Argentina, lofted a lob. Federer spun around to sprint toward the baseline. A couple of steps before reaching the wall behind the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium, and with his back to the net, Federer swatted the ball between his legs. The shot landed in a corner beside Dabul, who raised his eyebrows and shrugged.

"Only he can do that," Dabul said.

It was part of a remarkable 46-4 edge in winners for Federer during his 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 victory Monday night. It also was the highlight at Flushing Meadows on Day 1 of the tournament, when past U.S. Open champions Andy Roddick, Venus Williams and Kim Clijsters all advanced, as did surprise 2009 quarterfinalist Melanie Oudin, while 2001 champion Lleyton Hewitt lost in the first round at New York for the first time.

The sublime bit of shotmaking was nearly identical to a back-to-the-court, through-the-legs passing winner Federer hit against Novak Djokovic in the 2009 U.S. Open semifinals.

"This one was incredible again," Federer said. "I turned around and couldn't believe the shot landed in the corner."

More Grand Slam champions were slated to play first-round matches Tuesday, including Djokovic, Maria Sharapova and Svetlana Kuznetsova during the day, and No. 1-seeded Rafael Nadal at night. The top-seeded woman, 2009 U.S. Open runner-up Caroline Wozniacki, was to play 2010 NCAA singles champion Chelsey Gullickson of the University of Georgia in Tuesday's final match.

Asked if Monday's shot was better than the one against Djokovic, Federer said he'd need to go to the videotape to be sure.

"In terms of difficulty, maybe this one was harder, because I had the feeling I had to run a longer distance and I was further back somehow," he said. "I had to really give the last big push at the end. I didn't have time to set it up."

And with 23,000 or so witnesses, many of whom saluted the effort with a standing ovation, there can be no argument about its authenticity—unlike the trick shot that has drawn more than 6 million views since being posted on YouTube two weeks ago. In that clip, shot in Zurich shortly after Wimbledon, Federer is seen serving a ball and knocking a metal bottle off a man's head—twice in a row.

Federer has been coy about that video. Others have been skeptical, such as two-time major finalist Andy Murray, who said this weekend: "There's not a chance it's real."

Told that other players have wondered aloud about that one, Federer replied: "I can't tell you if it's real or not. That's up for debate. ... I'm not going to answer that question."

Could he hit a ball between his legs and knock a bottle off someone's head?

"That's kind of tough, the trajectory going up," Federer said with a grin, before acknowledging, "No, I wouldn't be able to do that."

OK, so maybe the guy isn't perfect. He is, however, 16-0 in U.S. Open night matches, 11-0 in first-round matches at Flushing Meadows, and hoping to reach a seventh consecutive final in New York.

"I always loved coming here," Federer said. "Never had a bad U.S. Open."

Williams hasn't been too shabby at this tournament, either, with titles in 2000 and 2001, two runner-up finishes and nothing worse than a fourth-round loss. She looked pretty impressive Monday, becoming only the fifth woman with 200 Grand Slam match wins by beating Roberta Vinci of Italy 6-4, 6-1.

It was Williams' first match since a June 29 loss at Wimbledon; she missed time because of a sprained left kneecap, and landed awkwardly on that leg early in the second set.

"Thankfully," Williams said, "after that, she did most of the running."

Williams did look absolutely fine a couple of games later when she pounded a down-the-line forehand passing winner on a full sprint.

Vinci knew, of course, about Williams' recent time off, and said afterward with a sigh: "I hoped she would play worse."

Instead, Vinci said, "She kept pushing."

Roddick turned 28 on Monday, and after beating Stephane Robert of France 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, the ninth-seeded American was asked what significance he attributes to his age. In typical Roddick fashion, he injected his reply with some humor.

"Obviously, I know I'm probably closer to the finish than I am to the start," he said. "But ... it's a number. I'm barely older than I was yesterday."

Well, that's true. He also, however, is 7 years older than he was when he won his lone Grand Slam title at the 2003 U.S. Open. There's a reminder of that accomplishment every time Roddick returns to Flushing Meadows: His spot in the locker room bears a special plate with his name and the year he was the champion, a bit of recognition he referred to as "the little deal on your locker that says you're special."

Clijsters is "special," too. The Belgian won the U.S. Open each of the past two times she entered, in 2005 and 2009, and she stretched her winning streak in New York to 15 matches Monday despite a brief blip.

The No. 2-seeded Clijsters began her title defense with a 6-0, 7-5 victory over 104th-ranked Greta Arn of Hungary. It was an afternoon of mostly straightforward results, although two-time French Open runner-up Robin Soderling was stretched to five sets before edging 214th-ranked qualifier Andreas Haider-Maurer, who finished with 34 aces.

The tournament started Monday morning in a mostly empty Arthur Ashe Stadium with Oudin's 6-3, 6-0 victory over 143rd-ranked qualifier Olga Savchuk of Ukraine.

When Oudin—it's pronounced oo-DAN—arrived at Flushing Meadows in 2009, she was 17, ranked 70th, never had won a U.S. Open match and was relatively anonymous. No one figured she'd go as far as she did; her hotel reservation in New York wasn't for long enough, so Oudin needed to switch places.

She upset four opponents in a row, including three-time major champion Sharapova and 2008 Beijing Olympic gold medalist Elena Dementieva, to become the tournament's youngest quarterfinalist since Serena Williams in 1999.

Along the way, Oudin's on-court spirit and off-court personality earned her plenty of adoration and attention—"a bit of a zoo," is the way her coach, Brian de Villiers, described it.

"Everyone has one Cinderella story, and mine was last year. Now it's like everyone just expects me to do that because I did it last year," Oudin said. "But that doesn't necessarily mean that it's going to happen."

# White Sox open trip with 10-6 win over Indians

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Brent Lillibridge atoned for a costly error in the ninth inning by hitting a two-out homer in the 11th as the Chicago White Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 10-6 on Monday.

The win came just hours after Chicago officially claimed Manny Ramirez off waivers.

Lillibridge entered in the seventh, when second baseman Gordon Beckham left after being hit on the right hand with a pitch. In the ninth, Lillibridge bare-handed a high hopper but threw past first, helping the Indians tie it at 6.

He came up in the 10th with one homer in 58 at-bats and in a 2 for 27 rut before connecting off Rafael Perez (4-1).

Alex Rios homered, drove in four runs and had five of Chicago's 21 hits as the White Sox won for just the sixth time in 15 games. Scott Linebrink (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the White Sox, who added Ramirez to help get them back to October.

AP

Chicago White Sox's Brent Lillibridge hits a solo home run off Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Rafael Perez in the 11th inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, in Cleveland.

### Rays 6, Blue Jays 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Carlos Pena homered and drove in four runs and Wade Davis won his sixth straight decision as Tampa Bay beat Toronto.

Pena made it 5-1 with a three-run homer off Brett Cecil (11-7) in the third.

Davis (11-9) allowed two runs and six hits in 7 2-3 innings. The right-hander has the longest winning streak by a rookie in franchise history. He had shared with Jeff Niemann (2008) and Victor Zambrano (2001).

Chad Qualls replaced Davis with two on and two outs in the eighth and struck out Jose Bautista, who leads the majors with 42 home runs. Aaron Hill hit his 20th homer of the season for the Blue Jays.

### Yankees 11, Athletics 5

At New York, Robinson Cano, Mark Teixeira as New York punished Trevor Cahill for the second time this season, emphatically ending the All-Star's run of pitching excellence in a win over Oakland.

Marcus Thames hit a three-run shot to extend his home run streak and New York (81-50) got back-to-back long balls from Teixeira and Cano to move a season-best 31 games over .500. Nick Swisher added three hits and three RBIs, including a two-run double in the first inning that helped the Yankees erase a 3-0 deficit.

Still, they couldn't shake Tampa Bay atop the AL East. The Yankees and Rays, who beat Toronto 6-2, remained tied for first place for the eighth straight day.

Cahill was touched up for six runs by New York in six innings of a 6-1 loss at home July 6, when Alex Rodriguez hit a grand slam and a solo homer off the right-hander.

### Rangers 3, Royals 0

At Kansas City, Missouri, C.J. Wilson allowed two hits over 7 2-3 innings as Texas blanked Kansas City.

Wilson (14-5) improved to 7-0 in nine starts since the All-Star break. It is the most victories in the majors in that span, one ahead of Minnesota's Francisco Liriano (6-0).

Wilson allowed only a scratch hit to Willie Bloomquist until the eighth inning, when Jai Miller singled to center. The left-hander, who had a complete-game win over the Royals in May, struck out six and walked four.

### Angels 5, Mariners 3

At Seattle, Bobby Abreu, Hideki Matsui, and Peter Bourjos all homered in the sixth inning for the visitors.

Ervin Santana (14-9) allowed two runs and eight hits in 7 2-3 innings to win for the sixth time in eight decisions.

Kevin Jepsen got the final out in the eighth and Fernando Rodney worked the ninth to earn his seventh save in 10 opportunities. It was his first save since June 18.

David Pauley (2-6) gave up all three Angels homers to make it 4-0.

Bourjos' homer ended a 31-inning drought for the Angels. The club record was 33, set in 1963 and matched in 2004.

### Dodgers 3, Phillies 0

At Los Angeles, Hiroki Kuroda took a no-hitter into the eighth inning and Rod Barajas homered in his home debut for the Los Angeles Dodgers, who beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Kuroda walked Jayson Werth in the eighth before Raul Ibanez reached on a fielder's choice groundout. Shane Victorino, hitless in seven career at-bats against Kuroda, hit a clean line-drive single to right field on Kuroda's 97th pitch of the game to break up the no-hitter.

Kuroda hit Werth with a pitch in the second and walked Carlos Ruiz in the sixth.

The 35-year-old right-hander from Japan beat Roy Halladay, who tossed a perfect game against Florida on May 29, winning 1-0.

Kuroda (10-11) struck out seven in 7 2-3 innings for his second straight win.

Halladay (16-10) allowed three runs and 10 hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked one. It was the fourth time he gave up 10 or more hits this season, and the most since he allowed 13 at Cincinnati on June 30.

### Reds 5, Brewers 4

At Cincinnati, Jay Bruce singled off Trevor Hoffman with two outs in the 10th inning as the Reds rallied for a narrow victory over the Milwaukee Brewers and extended their National League Central lead to a season-high six games.

The Reds are pulling away from second-place St. Louis, which lost at Houston 3-0. The six-game lead is Cincinnati biggest since 1995, the last time the Reds reached the playoffs.

Hoffman (2-7) walked Ryan Hanigan to open the 10th. Pinch-runner Brandon Phillips stopped at second on Chris Heisey's two-out single. Bruce, who led off the Reds' first with a homer, then singled through the hole at shortstop to end it.

Francisco Cordero (5-4) gave up a single in the 10th.

### Astros 3, Cardinals 0

At Houston, J.A. Happ threw a two-hitter, and rookie Brett Wallace had a career-high three hits and drove in a run to help the Houston beat struggling St. Louis.

It was another tough loss for the Cardinals, who have dropped six of seven and entered the day five games behind Cincinnati in the NL Central race.

Happ earned his fourth complete game and third shutout of his career. The Astros acquired the 27-year-old in the deal that sent Roy Oswalt to the Phillies last month. Happ (5-2), who hadn't gone longer than 6 1-3 innings this season, struck out four and walked one.

### Braves 9, Mets 3

At Atlanta, Jason Heyward homered and drove in four runs, and Martin Prado drove in three runs as NL East-leading Atlanta downed New York.

Heyward had four hits, including a three-run homer off Pat Misch in the second inning. He has five homers in August after hitting only one in June and July, when he was slowed by a thumb injury.

Jair Jurrjens (6-4) gave up six hits and matched his career high with six walks, but his eight strikeouts helped him limit the Mets to three runs in 5 2-3 innings.

### Cubs 14, Pirates 2

At Chicago, Carlos Zambrano allowed one unearned run in 5 1-3 innings and hit a two-run homer to lead Chicago past Pittsburgh.

Aramis Ramirez was 2 for 3 with four RBIs to help Mike Quade win his first game at Wrigley Field as manager and improve to 5-2 since taking over for Lou Piniella on Aug. 23.

The Cubs scored seven times on seven hits in the fourth and were 7 for 7 to start the inning. They brought 11 batters to the plate in the inning to knock out Pirates starter Paul Maholm (7-13).

Zambrano (6-6) struck out seven and pitched around four walks.

### Rockies 2, Giants 1

At San Francisco, Carlos Gonzalez hit a tying triple with no outs in the ninth and scored on second baseman Freddy Sanchez's second throwing error of the game.

The Giants squandered a key chance to gain ground on the first-place San Diego Padres in the NL West and the Phillies in the wild-card race after both those teams lost. Instead, San Francisco still sits five games back in the division and 1 1/2 games behind Philadelphia.

Giants starter Jonathan Sanchez carried a shutout bid into the ninth then gave way to All-Star closer Brian Wilson (3-2) after a leadoff walk to Dexter Fowler.

Rafael Betancourt (5-1) pitched the eighth for the win, then Huston Street finished for his 13th save in 17 chances.

Rockie starter Jorge De La Rosa struck out nine to match his season high.

### Nationals 9, Marlins 3

At Miami, Adam Dunn and Ryan Zimmerman each hit three-run home runs to lead Washington to victory in a game that started three hours late due to rain.

Jason Marquis (1-7) won his first game in nearly a year, pitching 5 2-3 innings and giving up three runs.

Hanley Ramirez and Brett Hayes homered for the Marlins.

Zimmerman's three-run blast off Alex Sanabia (3-2) in the third inning hit off the facing of the upperdeck in left field knocking out a light panel on the out-of-town scoreboard. His 25th homer gave the Nationals a 4-1 lead.

Dunn's three-run shot off Brian Sanches—his 33rd—extended the Nationals advantage to 8-3 in the seventh. He also hit an RBI double.

# Clemens, in court, tells judge: 'Not guilty'

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Roger Clemens put his right hand on the lectern, leaned down toward the microphone and made what might be the most important pitch of his life: "Not guilty, your honor."

Those words, uttered Monday in a strong, confident voice by the seven-time Cy Young Award winner sporting a black blazer and blond highlights in his hair, marked the official beginning of a court case that could taint baseball even further and land the "Rocket" in jail.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton presided over an arraignment hearing that lasted less than 14 minutes in the ceremonial courtroom at the federal courthouse, across the street from the Capitol.

Walton set April 5 as the start of jury selection—the Monday of the first full week of the 2011 baseball season, and also around the time a case involving Barry Bonds, the all-time home run king, could be wrapping up in San Francisco.

Pete Rose, Darryl Strawberry, Dwight Gooden and Denny McLain are among former baseball stars to have spent time in jail. Clemens and Bonds, who chased history on the field throughout their careers, now could be chasing history off it.

They are both in jeopardy of becoming the first baseball star jailed because of a conviction related to the performance-enhancing-drug imbroglio that has sullied their sport for much of the past 15 years.

If convicted of six counts—three of making false statements, two of perjury and one of obstruction of Congress—Clemens could face up to 30 years in prison and a $1.5 million fine, although 15 to 21 months is the more likely sentence under federal guidelines.

As he has throughout the process, Clemens again fought any suggestion that he cheated during a 23-season career that ended with 354 wins and 4,672 strikeouts. He won his first three Cy Young awards in 1986, '87 and '91, dipped ever so slightly, then won four more in 1997, '98, 2001 and 2004, at the age of 42.

# Ariza predicts a KO performance from Pacquiao vs Margarito

BOXING

**MANILA, Philippines**—Manny Pacquiao's conditioning expert Alex Ariza predicts that the Nov. 13 showdown between the Filipino pound-for-pound king and Antonio Margarito will be a war.

Ariza told the *Inquirer* Sunday that the fight for the vacant WBC super welterweight title, scheduled at the Dallas Cowboys' $1.2-billion Stadium, "will be a most exciting fight because Margarito is a pure warrior."

"I'll do what I need to do to get Manny into the best shape possible so he can knock him (Margarito) out," said Ariza, who has been working alongside trainer Freddie Roach in turning Pacquiao into a fighting machine.

Pacquiao


Margarito

The conditioning guru noted that Margarito is the kind of fighter who "will take a ton of punches just to give one."

"If he punches with Manny, which is what Pacquiao likes, he'll knock him out," said Ariza.

Margarito earlier told Sol Rodriguez on Boxingscene.com that he is "going to prove that I don't need anything that is forbidden to win my battles or past fights."

The Mexican was referring to the illegal hand wraps that were discovered before his fight against Shane Mosley last year and led to his year-long suspension.

"Now I have the fight with Pacquiao in my hands and I am happy because I have the opportunity to show that I am a clean fighter. I will beat Pacquiao," added Margarito, who was finally given by the Texas commission a license to fight again Thursday.

Ariza said he would ask Pacquiao to set up training camp "a week earlier" in the Philippines when the fighter arrives in Los Angeles to kick off a three-city promotional tour.

Ariza prefers to set up the training camp in Baguio City, which Pacquiao himself likes, according to the congressman's chief of staff, lawyer Franklin "Jeng" Gacal.

Pacquiao adviser Michael Koncz said that the Filipino champ is leaving for Los Angeles on Monday along with wife Jinkee and Gacal.

Koncz said Pacquiao would begin training on Sept. 20 although no decision has been made with regard to where he will train. ***(PDI)***

# Boom Boom leads RP sweep of Cebu fight card

**CEBU CITY, Philippines**—In an impressive display of boxing skill and punching power, the Philippines scored a 4-0 sweep over The World in a blockbuster fight card at a jam-packed Pacific Ballroom of the Waterfront Hotel and Casino in Cebu City Saturday.

Bautista

The card presented by ALA Promotions in cooperation with ABS-CBN had its moment of disappointment when the main event between Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista and Mexican warrior Alejandro "Zorrito" Barrera was stopped at 1:14 of the 4th round by referee Tony Pesons on instructions of the ring physician after Barrera suffered a cut on his right eyebrow.

The fans were unhappy as they were warming up to a ring war with both Bautista and Barrera throwing big shots to the body and the head.

Bautista's left hand showed no signs of any ill-effects from surgery which forced him into a nine-month layoff as he repeatedly jolted the head of Barrera with snappy lefts and clubbed him with overhand rights.

Barrera gamely traded punches but on two occasions appeared to spit out his mouthpiece to get a breather after being hurt by Bautista, who improved his record to 29-2-0 with 22 knockouts.

Barrera, a cousin of Mexican legend Marco Antonio Barrera told the Inquirer that Bautista was a good fighter but claimed he was never hurt during some furious exchanges.

Meanwhile, southpaw Jimrex Jaca set heralded Pipino Cuevas Jr. up with a right and then nailed him with a devastating left straight that dropped the Mexican for the full count at 2:22 of the opening round.

World-rated Milan Melindo, fighting as a flyweight, knocked Korean champion Jin Man Jeon at the 43-second mark of the second round.

Former WBO minimumweight champion Florante "Little Pacquiao" Condes dropped durable Pan Asia Boxing Association champion Sofyan Effendi in the sixth round on the way to a unanimous decision victory.

Condes won by a shutout 80-71 on the scorecards of all three judges and proved he was ready to fulfill his dream of regaining the world title after three or four more fights being lined up for him by ALA Promotions. ***(PDI)***

## BECKS

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distance, 64-51.

Hi-5 then started the fourth quarter with a 9-2 run to pad the lead to 20, 73-53. Ol'Aces never recovered from thereon and must win its next game against O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels to remain in contention for the championship.

In the first game, Becks sent the Runnin' Rebels on the brink of elimination, following the former's 14-point win.

The Runnin' Rebels kept pace with Becks in the first half, but failed to catch up with its foe in the second when the trio of Ed and Tony Diaz and Pedro Lizama started Sixsevenoh's breakaway in the third period.

Ed Diaz and Lizama drilled eight point apiece in the third quarter, while Tony Diaz chipped in seven, turning Becks' 50-49 lead to a 77-68 advantage, entering the fourth quarter.

Tony Diaz was not done yet, as he added 13 more points in the fourth quarter to power Becks to the big win. Tony Diaz finished with a game-high 38 points. Lizama contributed 22, while Kelvin Fitial and Ed Diaz tallied 15 and 14, respectively.

Ivan De Vero paced the Runnin' Rebels with 25 markers.

### First Game

**Becks Sixsevenoh 106** – T. Diaz 38, Lizama 22, Fitial 15, E. Diaz 14, Camacho 10, Gapor 6.

**O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels 92** – De Vero 25, Kenty 15, Tomokane 14, Rangamar 13, Iguel 7, Olaitiman 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 28-23, 50-49, 77-68, 106-92.

### Second Game

**Bacardi Hi-5 85** – Sablan 30, Abuel 18, Bernardo 14, Santos 8, Lerio 6, Moises 5, Capalad 4.

**Ol'Aces 72** – Ogumoro 18, Van Buren 13, Rabauliman 11, Camacho 9, Lisua 6, Fernandez 5, Rangamar 4, Iginoef 2, Omar 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-19, 43-37, 64-51, 85-72.

## YVONNE

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team listed five coaches—J.W. Hardy (head coach), Jeff Petersmeyer (jumps coach), Keith Vance (throws coach), Brad Wick (distance coach), and Kelley Watson (women's sprints and hurdles).

The 2010 Boise State women's track and field team has been named as one of 151 Division I teams to earn a United State Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic Track and Field's nods. The team eclipsed the required GPA of 3.0 or better with their cumulative GPA of 3.04 to earn the merit.

Among the Broncos' top athletes are hurdlers Tajanee Simmons and Megan Olivetti and long jump specialist Eleni Kafourou. Both Kafourou and Olivetti were named to the 2010 USTFCCCA Division I All-Academic Track and Field Team, joining 16 additional student-athletes from the WAC to earn the distinction.

## OCEANIA

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are honored with Victor's visit and they will take advantage of the latter's stay here to built connection with the governing body of the sport in the region.

"Who knows he can help us get any kind of assistance from Oceania every time we hold big races here," Daly said.

Before being elected vice president of the Oceania Cycling Confederation, Victor once served as president of the Australian Cycling Federation. The New South Wales native held that position after the Sydney Olympics in 2000 before Melbourne's Klaus Mueller defeated him in the 2009 election.

Victor is also a veteran official of various international tournaments. He had officiated two Olympic Games, seven Commonwealth Games, seven World Championships and numerous Union Cycliste Internationale events in Australia, New Zealand, and Japan.

The first-time Saipan visitor was also the former CEO of Cycling Queensland and a UCI International Commissaire. Victor, who received an Order of Australia Medal in 2005 for his services to the sport as an administrator, technical official, and event organizer, is also a member of the Advisory Committee organizing the 2010 World Cycling Championships and member of the Operations Sub Committee for that event.

Victor is currently the president of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, which is bidding for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 81 | 50 | .618 | _ |
| Tampa Bay | 81 | 50 | .618 | _ |
| Boston | 74 | 57 | .565 | 7 |
| Toronto | 68 | 63 | .519 | 13 |
| Baltimore | 48 | 83 | .366 | 33 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 75 | 56 | .573 | _ |
| Chicago | 71 | 60 | .542 | 4 |
| Detroit | 65 | 66 | .496 | 10 |
| Kansas City | 55 | 76 | .420 | 20 |
| Cleveland | 53 | 78 | .405 | 22 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 74 | 57 | .565 | _ |
| Oakland | 65 | 65 | .500 | 8 1/2 |
| Los Angeles | 64 | 68 | .485 | 10 1/2 |
| Seattle | 51 | 80 | .389 | 23 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 76 | 55 | .580 | _ |
| Philadelphia | 73 | 58 | .557 | 3 |
| Florida | 65 | 65 | .500 | 10 1/2 |
| New York | 65 | 66 | .496 | 11 |
| Washington | 57 | 75 | .432 | 19 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 76 | 55 | .580 | _ |
| St. Louis | 69 | 60 | .535 | 6 |
| Milwaukee | 62 | 69 | .473 | 14 |
| Houston | 60 | 71 | .458 | 16 |
| Chicago | 56 | 76 | .424 | 20 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 43 | 88 | .328 | 33 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 76 | 54 | .585 | _ |
| San Francisco | 72 | 60 | .545 | 5 |
| Colorado | 69 | 61 | .531 | 7 |
| Los Angeles | 68 | 64 | .515 | 9 |
| Arizona | 53 | 79 | .402 | 24 |

**Yesterday's Games**

Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 4, 10 innings
Atlanta 9, N.Y. Mets 3
Washington 9, Florida 3
Chicago Cubs 14, Pittsburgh 2
Houston 3, St. Louis 0
Arizona 7, San Diego 2
L.A. Dodgers 3, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 2, San Francisco 1
Chicago White Sox 10, Cleveland 6, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 11, Oakland 5
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 2
Texas 3, Kansas City 0
L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 3

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# Mieko to hold XTERRA World fundraiser on Oct. 3

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Mieko Carey is requesting help from members of the triathlon community anew for her participation in the 2010 XTERRA World Championship in Hawaii.

Carey will be holding a bike fundraiser on Oct. 3 and proceeds from the race will be used to fund her trip to Maui. The XTERRA World veteran hosted the same fundraiser several months ago for her trip to Palau for the 7th Micronesian Games.

"First of all, thank you very much for you cheer and support for all the races I have done this year. I am happy to have wonderful cheerleaders. I am going to Maui for XTERRA World Championship in October and I would like to have a fundraising event for the race," Carey said.

Mieko Carey, seen here posing with her bike before last Saturday's XTERRA Japan Championship, is hosting a fundraising race for her participation in the XTERRA World Championship in Hawaii next month. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

She said the fundraiser will have races in three divisions, mountain bike, road bike, and kids category. The course for each division has yet to be decided, but the race is likely to be held down north in Marpi and in the usual trails in that area.

"If you have time, please join me and others in the races," said Carey, who is coming off back-to-back wins in XTERRA Japan last Saturday.

After the fundraiser, Carey will have less than three weeks to prepare for XTERRA World, which is set for Oct. 24.

The 32-year-old Saipan resident will be among the 550 triathletes who will compete in the most grueling XTERRA race of the year. Carey will be joined in Maui by triathletes from 20 countries and 50 states.

This year will be Carey's third XTERRA World stint and second as a pro.

Last year, Carey completed the 1.5-kilometer swim race, 32-km mountain bike leg, and 12-km trail run in three hours, 35 minutes, and 44 seconds to surpass her 2008 time of 3:53:38.

She qualified for XTERRA World after placing third behind Swiss Renata Bucher and American pro Shonny Vanlandingham in the XTERRA Saipan Championship in March this year.

# Home teams top foes over in Kingfisher division

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Chagi Fan, Slow Hand, and Lucky Shots used their home court advantage to the hilt in scoring wins in Saipan Electronic Dart Association's C-Kingfisher division last Wednesday.

Chagi Fan got the better of Charlie's Bar and Grill's Team Sabalu at Buddies Bar & Grill, while Slow Hand defeated D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Sang & the Gang at USS Peleliu Club.

Sang & the Gang's sister team Lucky Shots then pulled off an upset at home over Buddies Bar and Grill's Black Pearls.

While Chagi Fan is positioned comfortably ahead in first place with a 37-23 win-loss card, everyone else is in a dogfight for second place.

Team Sabalu (30-30) narrowly holds the No. 2 spot over Black Pearls (29-31) and Slow Hand (29-31), while Sang and the Gang (28-32) and Lucky Shots (27-33) are also right in the mix.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Buddies Bar and Grill's Black Pearls players pose during a break in their C-Kingfisher division game against D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Lucky Shots last Wednesday.

### Chagi Fan 8, Team Sabalu 7

Ken Aguon, Everette Indalecio, and Ray Indalecio of Team Sabalu won three of the four Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games to give their team a brief lead. Chagi Fan came back and swept both Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket matches and both teams won a game of Partners 501 Double In/Double Out. Then both teams won a pair of Singles Regular Cricket and the score was tied at six all after each team took a game of Partners Baseball. This match came down to the final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out game where Chagi Fan's Jesse Borja, Shawn Dela Cruz, Ken Villagomez, and Augustine Hocog came out on top.

### Slow Hand 10, Sang & the Gang 5

Gus Ybanez, Polly Omechelang, and Beverly Ngirmekur of Slow Hand won three of the four Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games to give their team an early lead, but Sang and the Gang came back to tie it at three games apiece after sweeping both Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket matches. Slow Hand answered back and swept both Partners 501 Double In/Double out matches. Then Ybanez, Franklin S. Palacios, and Omechelang of Slow Hand won three of the four Singles Regular Cricket games. Omechelang's win sealed the win for Slow Hand before both teams won a game of Partners Baseball. Slow Hand also went on to take the final Team 1001 Double In/Double match.

### Lucky Shots 9, Black Pearls 6

Stan O. Laniyo, Luke Laniyo, and Mario Lisua of Lucky Shots won three of the four Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games to put their team out in front. After both teams won a game of Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket, Lucky Shots swept both Partners 501 Double In/Double Out matches. Then each team won a pair of Singles Regular Cricket before the Black Pearls swept both Partners Baseball games. Dan Eugenio's cricket win gave Lucky Shots the automatic victory and his team also won the final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out match.

# Oh! MG *takes over* No. 1 *spot; One Shot,* K-1 *win at home*

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VFW One Shot and Buddies Kagman-1 beat Jonny's Night Hawks and Gaia Bar's Gaiana-C, respectively at home; even as VFW Oh! MG moved up to first place in the standings after dominating Gaia Bar's World V on the road as the Chichirika division of the Saipan Electronic Dart Association continued last Wednesday.

In a very close race, Oh! MG is clinging to first place by only one game with a win-loss record of 37-23. Right behind them in second is Kagman-1 at 36-24, while third place One Shot is still very much in the mix at 35-26.

### One Shot 9, Night Hawks 6

Both teams won a pair of Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games before the visiting Night Hawks swept both Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket matches. Then both teams won a game of Partners Half It before One Shot tied the game after sweeping both Partners 501 Double In/Double Out games. Dexter Mendiola, Oscar Porras, Russ Saimon, and Kevin Maratita of One Shot swept all four Singles Regular Cricket games to give their team the automatic win. The Night Hawks took the final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out game to keep the score respectable.

### Kagman-1 10, Gaiana-C 5

Anthony Fitial, Jordan Hayes, and Henry Yarofalpiy of home team Kagman-1 took three of the four Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games to give their team an early lead. Then K-1 swept both games of Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket and both games of Partners Half It. Anthony Fitial, Rodney Reyes, and Rita Fitial of K-1 took three of four Singles Regular Cricket matches. Anthony Fitial's win gave their team the automatic win. Gaiana-C won both Partners Baseball games, but K-1 won the final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out match.

### Oh! MG 11, World V 4

Both Teams won a pair of Singles 301 Double In/Double Out games before visiting Oh! MG swept both Partners Wild and Crazy Cricket games. Then both teams won a game of Partners 501 Double In/Double Out before Donovan Jose P. Castro, Carol Chargualaf, and Steve Gardiner of Oh! MG won three out of four Singles Regular Cricket. The rest of the contest was all Oh! MG, which swept both games of Partners Baseball and won the final Team 1001 Double In/Double Out match.

# Rotary caging deadline set for Sept. 6

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Teams interested in joining the 2010 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League are reminded to submit the various requirements on or before Sept. 6.

Participating squads are required to submit completed registration and waiver forms, players' birth certificates, and the $100 entrance fee.

So far, 12 teams have already committed to the league, which is divided into two age groups. The U15 division has lured four teams—the Rollers, Ol'Aces, Hopwood Junior High School, and the G-Stars, while the U19 category has attracted Rollers 1 and 2, G-Stars, Agape, Kagman, Ol'Aces, the Sonics, and Hi-5.

Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands, which is sanctioning the league, is still waiting for confirmation from the Chalan Kanoa Saints and the San Antonio Sixers, which ruled the U18 Rotary caging last season.

Besides completing the paper works, new coaches of participating teams are also required to undergo a Level 0 coaching course before the league kicks off on Sept. 10 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

BANMI president Elias Rangamar will conduct the coaching course and participants must complete the entire seminar to get certified and be allowed to handle a team in the Rotary league.

Two more seminars will be held in preparations for the youth caging. BANMI will coordinate with the American Red Cross, NMI Chapter in holding a CPR and AED training, while FIBA International Referee Gabriel White will lead the table officials and scorers seminar. Both clinics are not mandatory, but players, coaches, referees, and volunteers are encourage to attend.

For more information about the league and the clinics, contact White at awaawaa@hotmail.com or Rangamar at eli_rang@yahoo.com.

The Sonics' Melvin Cadiang, right, pulls up for a fade-away jumper against the Rollers' John Norita during a youth league early this year. Both the Sonics and Rollers have confirmed their participation in this month's Rotary youth caging. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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# Yvonne tries out for Boise track team

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Micronesia's fastest woman, Yvonne Bennett, is trying out for a slot on the Boise State University track and field team.

"It's a lot of work. I am not yet on the team. I am in the process of trying to get in. I have to register with the NCAA and send several documents to them as well," Bennett said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

The 20-year-old CNMI sprinter has been in Boise for less than month and still settling in. She came to the university after her record-breaking performances in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau early last month.

Bennett set new CNMI national records in the 100m, 200m, and 400m runs. Her 12.68 seconds in the 100m run in the Micro Games is the fastest time so far in Micronesia. She won the gold medal in all three races in Palau.

"After turning in all documents, I hope to hear good news from Boise coaches. I am hoping they will put me in their roster," Bennett said.

Elias Rangamar, the head coach of the CNMI Team that won the athletics competition in last month's Micronesian Games, is positive Bennett will make the team.

"I heard she is working her way to get into the team and I am hopeful she will make the grade. Yvonne has shown significant improvement since she joined the CNMI track team four or five years ago. I wish her good luck and I hope she can run for Boise State," Rangamar said.

Boise State University is an NCAA Division I school under the Western Athletic Association. The Broncos 2010-2011

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Yvonne Bennett, right, poses with twin sister Yvette and Boise State University distance coach Brad Wick on the Broncos' famous blue-colored football turf.

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Yvonne Bennett, left, and twin sister Yvette pose inside BSU's Taco Bell Arena, which was undergoing renovation.

## Becks, Bacardi draw first blood

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Becks Sixsevenoh and Bacardi Mojito Hi-5 advanced to the next round of the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League after winning their first playoff games Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Becks Sixsevenoh outgunned the O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels in the opening match, 106-92, while Bacardi Mojito Hi-5 defeated the Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces, 85-72. Both games were played sans the 24-second shot clock.

With the win, Becks Sixsevenoh will face pennant champion and undefeated Bud Light Nationals in the next round, while Hi-5 will be paired against the second-seeded Hoegaarden IT&E. The Becks-Nationals and IT&E-Bacardi tiffs will be played tonight with the winners moving a win away from making it to the finals.

Hi-5 won its first playoff game after climbing back from an 11-point deficit in the second quarter and then pulling away in the fourth canto.

The Ol'Aces had their biggest lead at the 33-22 count, with only three minutes gone by in the second canto before Dave Sablan sparked a rally to grab the driver's seat. Sablan scored 10 points in that period, making Hi-5's last five markers in the dying seconds of the first half.

Sablan connected on a 3-point play off a Wowie Abuel feed after the latter picked up a loose ball following an Ol'Aces inbound miscue. Sablan drilled the off-balance shot inside the paint and drew a foul from an Ol'Aces defender as time expired.

Ol'Aces then contested the continuation call, but to no avail, as they even suffered a double blackeye, as referee Noel delos Santos slapped Junior Fernandez with a technical foul for complaining excessively.

Sablan trooped to the foul line for a pair of charities and made both, ending the first half with Hi-5 now in front, 43-37.

Hi-5 upped the lead to double digits in the third period before a four-point play from Elias Rangamar cut the lead to seven, 45-52.

However, Hi-5 answered with four straight triples in the last two minutes of the third quarter with Abuel drilling a banked 3-pointer at the buzzer to give his team more

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Bacardi Mojito Hi-5's Dave Sablan goes for an acrobatic shot against the Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces defenders during the first round of the playoffs in the Budweiser caging Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Victor

## Oceania cycling official visits Saipan

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A cycling official from Oceania is in town and is expected to meet local riders to discuss the development of the sport here and in the region.

Oceania Cycling Confederation vice president Mike Victor planed in early Tuesday morning and will be staying here until Sept. 4.

"We have yet to meet him, but we will be introducing him to several officials and members of the Saipan Adventure Sports Club, which usually organizes the various bike races here on Saipan," said Kieran Daly, general manager of Pacific Islands Club, which is hosting Victor's four-day visit.

"Victor's presence here will be a great help to us, to our bikers. We will ask him how Oceania can help our sport grow here. He could provide us tips and may be help us bring coaches/experienced bikers to hold clinics/trainings here," Daly added.

Daly added bikers on Saipan

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